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Challenge accepted 'Unlimited' program saves itself by buying the farm – literally

By Rebecca Piro

Deedee O'Brien, director of Challenge Unlimited, smiles and breathes a sigh of relief.

"We did it!" she says happily.

Challenge Unlimited, a therapeutic horse-riding program for people with mental and physical disabilities, has met its greatest challenge yet. Members of the non-profit organization passed papers to purchase Ironstone Farm a week ago Monday, after successfully raising \$600,000 to seal the deal.

Ironstone Farm, previously owned by the Donovan family and located on Lowell Street, is home to more than just the 28 horses that live there. For 30 years, the farm has hosted the non-profit organization that helps disabled people by using hippotherapy – the technical name for therapy by horseback riding.

When the Donovans announced plans to sell the 14-acre farm two years ago, Challenge Unlimited volunteers and families swallowed hard. About 450 people with disabilities come from 82 communities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire to work with trainers and ride horses.

"We realized that if we didn't do something, the program and the farm would be lost," says O'Brien. "We had to take action."

The Donovans, who would not comment this week,



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Two-year-old Meghan Gibson (daughter of Joanne and Scott of Andover) keeps her balance as she rides Fritz during a Saturday session of Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm.

agreed to sell the farm to Challenge Unlimited for \$2 million – well below the appraised value of \$3 million, says O'Brien. To keep its end of the deal, Challenge Unlimited had to raise \$600,000 to cover the down payment and transition costs.

"It was quite an undertaking," says O'Brien.

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DRINKING, DRUGS AND KIDS

*Smoking is down, but half
of high-school seniors
admit to doing other drugs*

By Rebecca Piro

Senior Jason Crabb is unfazed when he hears that, according to a survey, 43 percent of Andover High students smoke marijuana. He can even point out where some students smoke it during school hours.

"That's the big hang-out," he says, pointing to the woods behind the AHS tennis courts. It's less than a two-minute walk from the school's front doors – an easy escape for kids looking to dodge a class or two, smoke pot and return unnoticed, he adds.

Not that Crabb thinks drugs are a serious threat at Andover High School. "Kids are going to be kids," he says.

From alcohol to marijuana to ecstasy, drug use seems an accepted part of life for many students at Andover High. All of the students interviewed by the *Townsmen* affirmed the drug-use

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Andover High students were asked these questions about smoking and drinking. The following are the percentage of students who said yes.

1. Have you smoked a cigarette in the previous 30 days?

SCHOOL YEAR	YES (PERCENT)
1996-1997	34
1997-1998	31
1998-1999	26
1999-2000	22
2000-2001	19

2. Have you had one drink on at least one occasion during the past 30 days?

SCHOOL YEAR	YES (PERCENT)
1996-1997	46
1997-1998	46
1998-1999	49
1999-2000	49
2000-2001	47

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Web question

Should the Youth Risk survey ask middle-school students about sex?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

Andover Community Trust will ask 2002 Town Meeting to release a parcel of town-owned land on Heather Drive, allowing ACT to build a permanently affordable house on it. Would you support the principle?

Out of 49 respondents:

► 15 people, or 31 percent, said, "Yes. Any town-owned land that can be used to expand our stock of affordable housing should be used."

► 33 people, or 67 percent, said, "No. Town-owned land should be used for other things, like open space."

► 1 person, or 2 percent, said, "Other."

This week's question: Do you think that middle-school students should be asked whether they have ever experienced sexual contact in the annual Youth Risk Behavior Survey?

• Yes. It is important for parents and teachers to know if there are problems at the middle-school level so they can be properly addressed.

• No. It is inappropriate to question middle-school students about sexuality issues.

• Other. (Use comments section after voting.)

To vote, surf to: <www.andovertownsmen.com>.

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Camera-ready advertising copy is due by Tuesday at noon.

No cancellations honored after these deadlines.

IN BRIEF

Breakfast with Santa

Andover Center Association will be holding its annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Old Town Hall on Main Street. General admission is \$5, and it costs \$2 to have a picture taken with Santa.

The event is being sponsored this year by Daher's Shoes Kids Store and Learning Express. All proceeds go to the Eagle-Tribune Santa Fund.

How to run for office

Those considering a run for local office in either Andover or North Andover might want to consider attending an upcoming workshop sponsored by the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters. A representative from the State Office of Campaign and Finance will discuss campaign-financing and reporting regulations at a "Running for Office" workshop at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10 at the Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St. in North Andover.

Both town clerks will discuss filing nominating papers and explain important dates and deadlines. Local elected officials will be available to describe their commitments and their experiences with the election process.

For more information on the workshop, directions, or running for office in general, contact in North Andover, Joyce Bradshaw at 978-688-9502, or in Andover, Randy Hanson 978-623-8255.

Passports in Andover

The town clerk's office has been designated as a passport agent for the US Department of State Passport Services. The town clerk's office will accept applications for new passports Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MLK Day: A Day On, Not a Day Off

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Community Service Corps (MVCSC) will host the fourth annual Martin Luther King Day "A Day On Not A Day Off" event on Friday, Jan. 18 at the Rogers Center at Merrimack College. It will feature a diversity of cultural events. Musical performances will include the following groups: Rehoboth Lighthouse Full Gospel Church Choir, Lawrence High Girls' Ensemble, and St. Mary's Church youth group Jovenes sin Fronteras. "Each of these musical ensembles serves a unique role within the Merrimack Valley community, distinguishing the individuals who comprise the groups, while contributing to the rich fabric that weaves together the diversity of the community," say organizers.

The other aspect of this day of service will be the creation of a

quilt, in honor of Dr. King. Local community organizations throughout the Merrimack Valley are invited to participate. "The purpose behind the quilt is twofold. Firstly, the design and the assembling of the project will integrate distinct groups within the community. Secondly, it will promote the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday of service to one's community," say organizers. Those who participate in the construction of the quilt will be asked to design an 18-inch square panel as part of a collaborative effort. The panels will be sewn together by the retired senior volunteer program members. The quilt will hang as a backdrop to the celebration at the Rogers Center in January.

To receive a free kit to create your own 18-inch quilt panel, call Megan Keogh at 978-686-9407.

2002 Town Census to go out in January

The annual town census will be mailed to residents at the beginning of January 2002.

Anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time should contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8200 so that they will not be dropped from the census rolls. The town census is the only legal way that the town

clerk can verify residency, according to the town.

The town clerk's office says it increasingly is receiving requests for residency verification, especially to prove residency for public-school admittance. Also, all registered voters must verify residency each year to remain on the voter rolls per state law.

Transportation expands for disabled

EZ-Trans, the paratransit service provided by the Merrimack Regional Transportation Authority for Andover residents with disabilities, has expanded its service area to include The Loop in Methuen during evenings and weekends.

As previously reported, Andover's EZ-Trans service is now available from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday; 6

a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. The MVRTA accepts reservations every day. From 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, call the Office of Special Services (OSS) at 877-308-7267, Ext. 3. For reservations during evening or weekend hours, call Shawsheen Livery directly at 800-989-3813 or 978-475-4423.

Quote, unquote . . .

THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS HARD in the sense that you have to look at yourself and see who you are. This is what you're going to do with the rest of your life." — Danielle Mendoza, senior at Andover High School, on the difficulty of applying to college. (Story, page 19)

IM NOT A BIG BELIEVER in experts on youth. I think (kids) know what's going on in their own world. It's up to us to engage them in discussions for solutions.

— Bill Fahey, Youth Services director, stating that adults should look to young people for ideas on how to prevent risky behavior. (Stories, page 10 and 11)

News Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 13

Town Government Review Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Community Preservation Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Committee on Disabilities, Memorial Hall Library, Activity Room, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 17

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

School Committee, School Offices Building, School Committee Room, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Finance Committee, School Offices Building, School Committee Room, 7 p.m.

School Committee, Budget Workshop, School Offices Building, School Committee Room, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 27

Committee on Disabilities, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

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Hundreds brave weather to run for Larry Robinson, research

More than 600 people braved the first snowstorm of the season last Sunday and competed in the first annual Larry Robinson Race/Walk to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, say organizers.

Held in memory of former Andover High School Principal Larry Robinson, who died of the disease more than a year ago, the event raised more than \$28,000 for cancer research. The race itself raised \$15,138 from participants and sponsors. Before the start of the race, Mark Robinson, Larry's brother, presented the foundation with a check of \$13,000 of his own money as he pledged to match runners' donations.

Attended by Robinson's widow Vicki, his mother Myrna (who flew up from Florida during the storm) and his brother, the race attracted sponsors such as The Savings Bank, The Doherty Insurance Agency, Dewolfe Companies, Wyeth-Genetics Institute, New Balance, and Andover's Athlete's Corner. With the assistance of the Andover Police Department, town officials, and at least 50 volunteers, the race honored the memory of Larry Robinson, while helping in the fight against cancer. Plans have already been made for next year's race which will be held Dec. 8, according to Roy Dennehy, event organizer.

— Kevin Holzapfel



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While Tonia Costa and her dog, Dom, walked in the Larry Robinson Road Race, others like Andover High track captains Natasha Camilo and Katie Gustin ran through the snow flakes.



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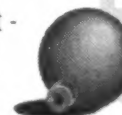
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Hooray for horses: Program remains

■ IRONSTONE SALE

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Nothing will change at Ironstone Farm as a result of the changing of ownership, she adds. The Donovans, who declined to comment this week, will help with the transition process. All therapy programs will continue on schedule — something resident Bernadette Lionetta and her autistic son William were counting on.

William, 3, was diagnosed with autism at age 17 months. They've gone together to Ironstone Farm for therapy ever since.

"On Wednesday mornings he looks at me and says 'Horse!'" says Lionetta.

William, who was born prematurely, has difficulty "multi-tasking," or doing several

things at once, like walking and talking, says his mother. The weekly half-hour sessions have helped him overcome some of that.

"If you look at him, you can tell something is wrong," says Lionetta. "(Horse riding) helped him learn how to talk and make eye contact. It has definitely helped his sense of balance. If you saw him on the horse you'd think he was a perfect child."

Horse riding, or hippotherapy, helps people with disabilities primarily by simulating the walking motion and strengthening the muscles used as if the person was walking on their own. There are other benefits — not so tangible — that come with it.

"It's fun, they're on a live animal, and they're learning how to control that animal,"

says O'Brien. "It contributes to self-confidence and the desire to achieve."

While the results aren't "hocus pocus," says Lionetta, there is something about the program that is magical.

"You see kids walking up with walkers and crutches, and then they're on the horse," she says.

Challenge Unlimited's purchase includes the horses, a home, two barns and the necessary equipment to maintain the farm, says O'Brien. That means the non-profit now has a new challenge facing them — the mortgage payment. O'Brien hopes to start a capital campaign to cover mortgage payments and future improvements.

"We will be continuing to fund-raise..." O'Brien trails off. "Probably forever."



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Onni Peck, 8, takes a ride on Oxy under the eye of C.J. Doherty and Alli Hamilton, of Andover. Kids such as Onni will be able to continue going to therapy in Andover at Challenge Unlimited because program supporters have raised enough to buy Ironstone Farm.

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Ron L'Heureux, R.N., Oncology Nurse in Holy Family Hospital's Cancer Management Center (left), and Santos K. Shetty, M.D., Director of Radiation Oncology and Cancer Committee Co-chair, review X-rays.

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Youth at risk

Young kids and sex: What should schools ask?

By Rebecca Piro

What could be a more emotional subject than middle-schoolers having sex?

Perhaps asking them about it.

When it comes to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey for Andover's middle-school students, there's no fill-in-the-blank spot for questions regarding sexuality issues, says Dave Nichols, schools' health coordinator.

The high-school survey asks whether students have ever had sexual intercourse, at what age they first experienced it and whether they have ever had unwanted sexual contact.

The middle school survey has none of that.

"It's just too controversial in the town," says Nichols.

Three years ago Nichols, along with the Community Health Advisory Team (CHAT), designed a middle-school survey that did touch on the taboo.

"I said, I'd like to do it just once to know if there is something we should know about," Nichols says.

The survey asked students whether they had experienced sexual intercourse in their lifetime.

About 75 middle-school kids (5.4 percent) answered "yes."

"We didn't find anything alarming that we felt it was necessary to keep asking them," says Nichols. In fact, Andover is the only community he knows of that has even ventured to tackle the topic in a survey, he adds.

That's the kind of attitude that's got to change, says Andover High student Megan Pinksten. Pinksten participates regularly in programs that encourage communication between the middle- and high-school students on topics like sexuality and drug and alcohol use.

"Parents say, 'You can't do that!'" she says. "Well, obviously kids know about that if they are doing that."

Making Connections is a program where AHS kids get together with seventh graders to talk about warning signs of a violent relationship. "They (middle-school students) really respond to it," says Pinksten.

Parents put themselves through a similar exercise, says resident Barbara Jezak, a member of Andover's Parent to Parent group. The group works to familiarize

parents with the issues children are dealing with – and to help them come to terms with the fact that their children could be involved in such activities.

"Sometimes it's difficult to face the difficult issues," says Jezak, speaking as a parent herself. "I think that's a universal part of being a parent."

Jezak would not have a problem letting her children be surveyed regarding sexuality questions – but not at the expense of the entire survey. "I don't think it's worth it... if including those questions would put the entire survey at risk," she says.

"I think it would be extremely eye-opening to find out what's going on," says Deb Burch, AHS science teacher and advisor for the high school's Gay-Straight Alliance. She's concerned that kids who begin to question their sexuality at the middle-school level do not have the resources they need to help with their questions.

"As we're beginning to hear from our own youth, those feelings of differences are definitely coming up when they are in middle school. That's also when (kids) are

the most cruel."

That kind of teasing can lead to other types of "risk behavior" that are included on the survey, such as drug abuse and suicidal feelings, she says.

About 255 middle-school students said they have seriously contemplated suicide, according to the survey. About 375 kids said they have had an alcoholic drink, other

than a few sips for religious reasons.

Nichols won't rule out surveys with sexuality questions in the future, but he doesn't want to do it unless he hears from students or parents that a serious problem could exist.

"If we start getting nervous about something... we'll have to weigh it," he says.

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Opinion

Keep in touch with teens

ANDOVER High School students wouldn't dream of riding in a car without wearing their seatbelts. Only 5 percent of students say they don't. Yet more than one-quarter say they've traveled in a car driven by someone who'd been drinking. And that's just one of several potentially dangerous behaviors revealed by an anonymous survey of Andover High students taken last school year. This survey revealed disturbing information about the number of students — educated about the dangers of risky activities — who still drink, do drugs and have tried to commit suicide.

There is no joy in reporting or dwelling on such information. There is little comfort in the knowledge that fewer Andover kids engage in risky behavior than do teenagers in the average Massachusetts community.

Nevertheless, such information deserves attention. Too often, adults turn a blind eye to teenagers' behavior, saying "It's not my kid who gets into trouble." Hopefully, the facts will open some parents' eyes to how many students are involved. About one-third of the freshmen at Andover High last year reported smoking marijuana, showing that hundreds of middle-school kids have experimented too.

What can be done? Organizations offer programs, but, in the end, it takes the commitment of the students themselves and the involvement of parents. While parents tend to be involved with all aspects of their children's lives when their kids are in elementary school, many parents back out of meaningful involvement as kids strive for independence. "Driving your kid to soccer practice isn't necessarily time well spent, it's just moving from one place to another," says Bill Fahey, the town's youth services director, who interacts with hundreds of kids each week. "Sometimes you need to stop, slow down and enjoy one another — no matter what age you are. But you're not going to see that in a survey."

Parents and other adults should know that, while teenagers may appear to want nothing to do with them, they often mimic their behavior. Andover is a town that has made a concerted effort to stop public smoking. It's probably no coincidence that the number of kids smoking is dwindling. Adults can serve as role models by being conscious of their own behavior regarding alcohol and drug use as a means to relax. They can also take advantage of the upcoming winter vacation, when there is usually more time for adults to connect with their middle- and high-school aged children in a meaningful way.

AND BABY MAKES THREE



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Ten-month-old Ben Ashworth must have been the youngest attendee of community services' Free Skate Night at Phillips Academy. He's sandwiched by parents Sarah and Jeff Ashworth.

A new home for The Thursday File

In October of 1999, Steve MacDowall started something he called "The Thursday File." He sent it to 10 people. Today the file is sent to more than 10,000.

The Thursday File's Web site is <www.hudsonvanloo.ca> Hudson is Steve's middle name, and VanLoo is his wife's maiden name.

The site suggests books to read and other Web sites to visit, and offers little known facts. One of the most popular elements is a list of quotations. People can subscribe to the list for free at the Web site, and they will also be able to find The Thursday File's quotations regularly in the *Townsmen*.

Here is a recent batch of quotations from The Thursday File:

Oh man!
There is no planet, sun or star could hold you, if you but knew what you are.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

As a girl my temper often got out of bounds. I became angry at a friend over some trivial matter, my mother said to me, "Elizabeth, anyone who angers you conquers you."

ELIZABETH KENNY

When freedom prevails, the ingenuity and inventiveness of people creates incredible wealth. This is the source of the natural improvement of the human condition.

BRIAN S. WESBURY

The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

Great ambition is the passion of a great character. Those endowed with it may perform very good or very bad acts. All depends on the principals which direct them.

NAPOLÉON BONAPARTE

Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain.

LILY TOMLIN

Hold a true friend with both hands.

NIGERIAN PROVERB

When my horse is running good, I don't stop to give him sugar.

WILLIAM FAULKNER

Communication: A lifetime job, and the job of a lifetime!

JENNIFER ROETHE KERSTEN

A man does what he must — in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures — and that is the basis of all human morality.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

Best Quotation sent in by a Thursday File-phile for this edition:

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

The good you do today, people often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.

If you give the world the best you have, it may never be enough. Give the world the best you have anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God. It is never between you and other people anyway.

MOTHER TERESA

LETTERS

MVRE vows to fight again, if it must

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment (MVRE) is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the environment, public health and quality of life in the Merrimack Valley. In pursuit of this objective, we have vigorously opposed the Nickel Hill power plant proposal for Dracut, as it would pose a serious threat to the natural resources and population of our region. After three years of presenting substantive, scientific arguments at all hearings and mounting legal challenges where appropriate, MVRE was gratified by the withdrawal of the parent company, Constellation Power, this past May.

Recently, it has been rumored that another developer is contemplating the purchase of the Nickel Hill project rights. Should this occur, MVRE will rededicate itself to opposition of this project for the reasons we have long asserted; namely, that our overburdened region cannot and should not tolerate the additional pollution and risk associated with yet another major stationary pollution source. If built, this plant would emit approximately two million pounds of air pollution each year, with the maximum ground-level impact at the site of the new Cross Street schools in Andover and the maximum cumulative impact point in an impoverished Lawrence neighborhood. In addition, the plant would consume millions of gallons of water each day (enough to supply an entire community), would create noise pollution in excess of traditional

Department of Environmental Protection standards, would rain contaminated particulate matter over our surface drinking water supplies, would cause vast quantities of aqueous ammonia to be trucked through the region weekly, and cause other environmental harm.

Our communities already host a cluster of municipal solid-waste incinerators that burn more than one-third of the trash incinerated in the Commonwealth and emit a wide range of airborne toxins. Interestingly, Valley cities and towns also currently boast elevated cancer and respiratory disease rates.

It is MVRE's contention that it would be unconscionable to add a major pollution source, while we are attempting to evaluate and remedy the existing damage. The health and well-being of our children, parents, neighbors and friends must be a greater priority than a corporate bottom line.

We are proud of our stance on this issue and remain steadfast in our conviction that any proponent of such a major pollution source must be deterred. We are grateful for the tremendous support we have received from the community thus far, and are confident that we will unify the community in opposition should this project threaten the Merrimack Valley again.

**Sheryl Poole
Chris Vrontas
Laura Jordan
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MVRE Board of Directors

Redistricting issue: Let eighth-graders stay at current schools

Editor, *Townsmen*:

My children will be part of the redistricting plan for the school system next year. My family will continue to be a part of the South School community, but we are slated to attend West Middle School instead of Doherty Middle School. I have two daughters, who will be in the sixth and eighth grades next year. My older daughter would like to be "grandfathered" for her last year at Doherty. She has been with many of these children since kindergarten and would like to have that special year of being the oldest in the school with all her friends. My family could be part of both middle schools for this next year.

I attended the School Committee on Nov. 27 when the grandfathering issue was discussed. Dr. Bach presented her projected numbers for next year if the grandfathering was to become a reality.

Although she projected a need for an extra teacher, it was shown to her by a parent that this would not be necessary. The ratios did not show 30 students per class, but 25 at Doherty, 19 at West, and 21 at the new school. If we do not have to hire a new teacher and the classroom numbers are within reason, why can't we do this for our children?

Dr. Bach also mentioned that there are other parents who want to see the overcrowding alleviated, which will happen when our children leave. The numbers are very reasonable and the overcrowding will be eliminated by the sixth- and seventh-graders leaving. My sixth grader will be

one of the children who will help eliminate this problem. Our children want this special eighth-grade year with their friends. I believe the needs of children are more important than just getting

the process done quickly.

As Mr. Parker stated last week: "What is a child's peace of mind worth?"

Anne Sutherland
16 Pole Hill Drive

A child's Christmas wish

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Throughout this season, I have found myself being called to the TV to see and hear about the most incredible toy available. When family and friends have asked what my 6-year-old son wishes for, I let them know that anything they see on TV will fill the bill.

However, one afternoon my son turned to me and asked, "Mom, can you ask Santa for anything?" I let him know that there were some things Santa could not bring. He, of course, asked, "What do you mean, mom?" I told him that Santa could not bring things that were for kids that were much older and he could not bring someone like G.G. back.

My son, Walter, turned to me and quietly said, "Do you know what I would wish for if I could have it?" I asked him, "What would you wish for?"

He said, "I would ask him to put the towers back and make it never have happened. You know, mom, his bag is very big, maybe he could." And he left the room.

I was left to reflect on many thoughts: Angels walk among us, out of the mouths of babes, and that our greatest resources will always be the children of our world. I have my holiday gift and I treasure every moment, and when I least expect it, my "gift" will remind me of the importance of the season and life.

Christine Papas
6 Apollo Circle

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As cool as I am – not!



Lorraine Lordi

So, I bump into my friend Shayne last Saturday morning – it was pretty early – and she takes one look at me and bursts out laughing.

"What's so funny?" I ask.

"I had a dream about you last night," she chuckles. "It was hilarious."

"How so?" I say – although I'm not so sure I want to know.

"Well, for starters, you had long, beautiful dark hair. And you were dressed in stylish clothes – a plunging neckline and a sleek short skirt. In fact, now that I think about it, you looked like a movie star, or you wanted to be one. Something like that."

As she's telling me this, I'm standing in front of her in my baggy tan drawstring pants. A wrinkled long-sleeved T-shirt. My 15-year-old son's athletic socks. A pair of

faded blue Birkenstock sandals. My purple zip-up sweatshirt that's too short in the sleeves and too roomy in the chest. And my hair's a mess.

It's no wonder she adds, "Imagine you – an aspiring starlet. Pretty funny, huh?"

Yeah, a real stitch. And all right, I will admit it. I'm not exactly a fashion plate. In fact, the only time I ever remember being in vogue was in the 1960s when Twiggy was a hit. Remember her? She was that skinny, beanpole of a model from England with lifeless, stringy hair.

However, I didn't have to forego chocolate sundaes or iron my hair to fit in with the Twiggy image. I was simply born with thin, straggly hair and an ironing-board body. Lucky me – if you could call it that.

Oh, and shortly after Twiggy's reign, I guess I did pretty much look the part of a poor hippie during the early '70s. I still had that long, thin hair, a homemade backpack, and one stinky pair of raggedy jeans. However, I didn't dress like that because I was trying to be cool.

At that time in my life, I quite literally

owned only one pair of jeans. One pair of jeans, one coat, two shirts, and one sweater. Oh – and a pair of tan Dr. Scholl's, which were definitely not in the same trendy ballpark as Jesus sandals or platform shoes.

Nor was my taste in music all that groovy. While genuinely cool hippies experienced psychedelic highs with Jimi Hendrix, I was singing in the shower to the latest John Denver hits and getting teary-eyed over his *Rocky Mountain High*.

And who else did I listen to? Well, if I were an official member of the hip crowd, I would have been a Janis Joplin fan. But Janis drank too much for me. Besides, her voice sounded scratchy, like she had been screaming most of her life.

So whenever I had a free moment, I'd opt to lie back and listen to Judy Collins. You know, to this day when I stare at clouds, I can still hear her softly singing, "But something's lost, and something's gained in living every day." Definitely corny. I know.

I guess, though, that's just the way I am – totally uncool. And I don't see that chang-

ing. To this day, do you know I've never seen Oprah or Martha Stewart? I've never watched the *Sopranos*, *Dawson's Creek*, or *NYPD Blue*, either. In fact, as far as I'm concerned, nothing on TV today even comes close to the old *Mary Tyler Moore* shows. Maybe that's because Mary and her loveable gang weren't so cool, either. Not even Ted Baxter – even though he certainly did try.

So here I am now, living in this "new age," and I still haven't found my way into the "in crowd." I've never once worried about my inner child. Never had my tarot cards read. Never learned yoga. Never bought tofu. Never indulged in aromatherapy. Never been in a tanning booth. Never had a facial or a body massage. Never wore acrylic nails. Never got a tattoo or double-pierced my ears. Never had a toe ring. Never tried Tai Chi. Or chai tea, either.

Yes indeed, that's how uncool I am. But golly, I think that's kind of neat.

Lorraine Lordi is an Eagle-Tribune Publications columnist.

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Youth at risk

Educators keeping eye on contact

Unwanted sexual contact is in sharp decline in Andover

By Rebecca Piro

Most Andover High students shrug when asked whether pressure to have sex exists at AHS. "I don't think there's any of that," says senior Joe Defabrizio.

But the Youth Risk Behavior Survey results say differently.

Out of 1,600 students at AHS, 460 kids said they have had sexual intercourse. About 117 said they have experienced sexual contact against their will.

The numbers don't surprise science teacher Deb Burch, who remembers a female student who approached her in confidence.

"I said I'd be willing to help her report it," says Burch, referring to a "cloudy issue" that involved unwanted sexual contact. "Her answer was no."

The question regarding unwanted sexual contact included on this year's survey is open to wide interpretation, says schools Health Coordinator Dave Nichols. On the bright side for Andover, the number of students who reported unwanted sexual contact

is lower than the statewide average. Compared to Andover's 29 percent of kids who admit they have had sex, the state average is 44 percent. About 7 percent of AHS students report unwanted sexual contact — still less than the state-wide report of 11 percent.

AHS Principal Peter Anderson says very few students are involved in public male-female relationships.

"Within the school day, I see very little, if any, students who have formed couples together," he says. "There's much more of a willingness and a desire to be part of a group. It's not just a couple going to the movies. They'll invite

four, five or six people to go with them."

Several students who took the survey this year were in middle school from 1997 to 1998, when Nichols decided to ask the younger kids whether they had ever had sexual intercourse. About 73 kids said yes.

"You wonder if it's against their will when they are that young," Nichols says.

Likewise, Burch worries about high-school underclassmen who are dating older students. "It just seems that there are a lot of upper-classmen boys who are specifically going out with the younger girls," she says. "It raises a question."

UNWANTED CONTACT

AHS students who reported sexual contact against their will

SCHOOL YEAR	YES (PERCENT)
1999-2000	23
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Police, health officials try to target drug-related behavior

SEX, DRUGS AND KIDS

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statistics from the voluntary Youth Risk Behavior Survey, administered every year. Many suggested that the reality of drug abuse is much higher than the numbers tell.

According to the survey results, Andover kids are not a high-risk group compared to students throughout the state. Fewer of them smoke, drink, have sex or have used marijuana or harder drugs than Massachusetts kids in general.

But half of last year's senior class had tried marijuana. Hundreds had had sex. During the past five years at least 46 percent of Andover High students said they

had drunk alcohol in the previous month. More than 100 said they'd considered suicide, and dozens had attempted to end their lives.

"Drinking is very big on weekends," says Kaitlin Hyde, a senior at AHS. "Marijuana is like an everyday thing (with many students)."

Ironically, a red and white sign posted at the school's gate proclaims AHS to be a "drug-free zone." Police, of course, try to keep drugs out of Andover in general.

Police effort

"I think that the police zero tolerance (rule) is very strict and is effective," says student Megan Pinksten, co-founder of GLAM,

"We have pretty nice stats – except if it's your kid."

HEALTH EDUCATION COORDINATOR
DAVE NICHOLS, ON FEWER
ANDOVER KIDS BEING INVOLVED
WITH AT-RISK BEHAVIOR THAN THE
STATE AVERAGE

Girls Leadership Action Motivators. Despite that, she says many of her fellow students abuse drugs. "Kids say, 'Cops stink! There's nothing going on here!' But the reality is, whatever is going on is illegal."

The Andover Police Department started a substance abuse unit in December of 1999 when several AHS parents expressed concerns about their children abusing drugs, says Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo. In early 2000, Detective Mike Lane tracked down two AHS kids who had been commissioned by a Texas man to sell acid in the Greater Lawrence area. He had shipped LSD to the students in little bottles during the previous year, and the kids sold the drug for \$10 per hit.

Lane interviewed many AHS students during the investigation last year, Pattullo says. He found no evidence that the kids had sold acid on school grounds; however, "that's not to say they weren't," he adds.

Police did not press charges against the two students, whose names Pattullo will not reveal, because they "cooperated" in the investigation, leading police to the man in charge of the operation. Greg Giamboii of Texas was arrested last week and arraigned in a Boston federal court.

Pattullo is confident that no other Andover High students joined in the selling of acid in 2000 – and he's confident that the substance abuse unit is doing the best job it can.

"I've only got two guys working 40 hours a week. In reality, it's not enough manpower to handle the drug problem that the kids say is in the school."

If the Andover Police Department is going to keep on top of the school's drug problem, Pattullo says he needs more money for overtime, training and equipment. He also needs the students who know what's going on to come forward with their information.

"We would like to get to the people who are bringing the stuff into the school and put a stop to it there," Pattullo says. "If they say that 43 percent is smoking marijuana, I believe they're probably right. But a lot of kids feel as though they don't want to call the police or get involved."

Involving kids

Kids do want to get involved with the programs offered by Youth Services Director Bill Fahey. He's leading an effort to construct a youth center in town to keep kids busy after school and away from drugs.

"When kids are in school, their level of risk (for unhealthy behavior) is minimal," Fahey says. "It's the out-of-school hours that we're trying to address."

Several years ago, the *Townsmen* did a series showing that kids do not necessarily become involved in risky behavior late at night, but rather in the afternoon, following school and before their parents return home. That issue still exists, though youth services and Andover High continue to offer more programs.

The current Youth Services Department is located in Town Offices, where some kids hang out after school – something that's crucial to a healthy mind, Fahey adds.

"Andover is a fast-paced place. Kids never have any down time. (They need) at least an hour a day to relax... before taking on their next challenge."

Students and AHS faculty say that kids are not lacking outlets or resources for their emotions and problems. Many praise the school's guidance department, the numerous support groups and the after-school activities.

"The guidance counselors here are great. I have a great relationship with mine," says student Jason Crabb, who spends his after-school time in football and track.

"For just about everyone in the school there is someone they'd go to (if they had a problem)," agrees Deb Burch, science teacher and advisor for the Gay-Straight Alliance. But she acknowledges that there could be a few students that slip between the cracks.

"I think the true loners – and there are some at Andover High – are fairly few and far between," she says. "From the kids I work with, I can't say (drug abuse) is higher. But definitely when kids are in situations that cause them pain, one of the things they do is self-medicate. For any young person coming out, the process to themselves and their friends and family can be painful."

Andover in general can be a stressful community for kids, says Dave Nichols, schools health coordinator. "There's a lot of pressure in Andover to succeed, to look right. Their parents have been very successful for the most part, and they're trying to follow suit."

"Because Andover High is such a big place there are so many places for people to fall through the cracks," says Pinksten. "Someone who's struggling academically, or cut from a sports team, that

According to an Andover High School survey of students:

- 4 percent had used cocaine
- 8 percent had used inhalants
- 28 percent had sexual intercourse
- 32 percent had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row
- 26 percent rode in a car with some who had been drinking
- 2 percent carried a weapon onto school property
- 45 percent tried to lose weight

can be an incredible amount of pressure."

School solutions?

Although the number of Andover kids in each at-risk category is lower than the statewide average, school officials say they're not satisfied.

"We have pretty nice stats – except if it's your kid. So I can't say they're nice statistics," says Nichols.

No one knows that better than the students themselves, who see visible evidence of drug use on school property frequently. Just last week senior Joe Defabrizio said he learned that a fellow student had drank an entire bottle of cough syrup.

"There was some girl that drank a bottle of Robitussin and she puked in class," he says. "It was pretty dumb."

So what changes has the school system made since receiving their sometimes alarming survey stats? Nichols says the state Department of Education has requested that communities use health programs it calls exemplary. Andover already used three such programs, but is trying others. From third through eighth grade, Andover students are taught social competency and life skills. Older kids role play, practicing what they might do if confronted with an unwanted situation.

"Teaching kids to know what drugs are doesn't necessarily stop them from taking drugs. It's actually practicing how to deal with those situations," says Nichols. "How do you stop somebody? How do you address this? How do you become assertive?"

Nichols argues that no amount of education will eradicate drug and other problems, however.

"People can say policies make a difference, but I believe it's involvement – parental involvement and school involvement," he says.

Suicide and youth

Town continues work started in 1994

There's a solemn reason why the town decided to organize the Andover Youth Services department seven years ago.

"The year before I started here – 1993 to 1994 – was a very hard time for Andover," says Bill Fahey, Youth Services director. "(The town suffered) the loss of three young people. There was a lot of concern in the community."

Three Andover kids had committed suicide within about a one-year period. The community, hoping to prevent more tragedies, decided to react and set up the Youth Services Department.

Fahey says Andover has made great strides since then, but adds that the town needs to do more.

Results from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey report that 14 percent of Andover High students – about 224 kids – have seriously contemplated killing themselves. About 8 percent – 128 kids – have actually tried.

"We can't risk letting a young person harm themselves. We have to always ask the question, are we doing enough?" says Fahey.

In response to the suicides from 1993 to 1994, the town formed a group called Andover CARES to drum up support for troubled teens and promote awareness of problem issues. Another group, Parent to Parent, tackles the issues of drugs, depression and suicide. Last week Fahey spoke to parents at a talk titled "You Need To Know" about those issues. "It could be any kid at any time,"

he says.

"The students who start thinking about suicide are not stereotypical 'troubled' kids," says Dave Nichols, schools' health coordinator.

"They're not kids who participate in risky behaviors," he says. "They are just kids who take the world on their shoulders. They're the kids who are doing everything right."

Peter Anderson, principal of Andover High, says that faculty, as well as students, are always looking out for troubled teens. "We look for any kids who exhibit signs of depression or anxiety. That's your best prevention."

But it's not always easy to spot, Fahey warns. "Generally, suicide can kind of sneak underneath everybody – the caring adults, the friends," he says. The best way to combat it is to talk to the kids themselves.

"I'm not a big believer in experts on youth. I think (kids) know what's going on in their own world," Fahey says. "It's up to us to engage them in discussions for solutions."

— Rebecca Piro

DEADLY DECISIONS (PERCENT ANSWERING 'YES')

Have you ever seriously considered suicide?

ANDOVER	STATE
14	21

Have you ever attempted suicide?

ANDOVER	STATE
7.9	8.3

OBITUARIES

A. Sidney Roth

Was president of several construction companies

A. Sidney Roth, 85, of Andover and formerly of Palm Beach, Fla. and Massapequa, Long Island, N.Y., died Thursday, Dec. 6 at Wingate at Andover.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., he attended Poly Prep Country Day School and graduated from Cornell University, where he was an all-American football player.

As president of several construction companies, he was one of the largest home builders on Long Island. He also built apartment buildings and shopping centers. He was former president of the Long Island Association of Home Builders.

Mr. Roth served in the Navy during World War II and was an active volunteer in various Jewish organizations. He was formerly on the Board of the Habilitation Center in Palm Beach.

He was the widower of Selma (Halpert) Roth, his wife of 58 years.

Members of his family include his daughter and her husband, Leslie and David Silverstein of Andover; sons and their wives, Jonathan and Barbara Roth of Westport, Conn. and Peter and Amy Roth of Rochester, N.Y.; and seven grandchildren, including Scott and Brett Silverstein of Andover.

Memorial contributions may be

made to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611; or to the American Diabetes Association, Memorial and Honor Program, PO Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

Arrangements were by Levine Chapels, 470 Harvard St., Brookline.

Blanche M. Jouret

60-year resident; at 101

Blanche M. (LaFleur) Jouret, 101, of Andover, died Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Wingate Nursing Home.

Born in Norwich, Conn., she was raised and educated in Connecticut.

Mrs. Jouret lived in Andover for more than 60 years. She was a member of St. Augustine Church. Many of her friends and family attended her 100th birthday party last year in Andover, which was reported in the *Townsmen*.

She was the widow of Edward C. Jouret.

Members of her family include her grandchildren, Patricia A. (McParland) and her husband, Billy D. Flowers, of Melrose; Edward F. McParland of Lowell and Jacqueline Jouret of Gladstone, Ore.; great-grandsons, Cameron and Kevin Flowers; son-in-law Francis H. McParland of Andover; and daughter-in-law, Shirley Jouret of Gladstone. She was also mother of the late Marilyn J. McParland and John E.

Jouret.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wingate at Andover, Resident and Family Members Activities, 80 Andover St., Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by Charles Dewhirst, Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson Street, Andover.

Ruth E. MacDonald

1945 Punchard grad was a lifelong resident

Ruth E. (Anderson) MacDonald, 74, of Andover, died Friday, Dec. 7 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. MacDonald was a lifelong Andover resident. She was a clerk of Ad King Inc. for the last 20 years.

She graduated from Punchard High School in 1945 and Kathleen Dell Secretarial School in Boston in 1947.

Members of her family include her husband of 53 years, David MacDonald; sons and daughters-in-law, Geoffrey and Rosemary MacDonald and Peter and Lisa MacDonald, all of Andover; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lawrence General Hospital, 1 General St., Lawrence, MA 01842; or Free Christian Church Building Fund, 31 Elm St., Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Joseph Pucillo

Owned Joseph's Donut Shop in Dorchester for several years

Joseph "Whitey" Pucillo, 82, of Methuen, died Thursday, Dec. 6 at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

He was born and educated in Boston. He was a member of St. Theresa's Church.

Mr. Pucillo was a food technician at A.E. Ogan Co. for several years. He then owned and operated Joseph's Donut Shop in Dorchester for several years until he retired.

He was the widower of Mary C. (Whitman) Pucillo.

Members of his family include his sons and daughters-in-law, Norman and Dawn Pucillo of Methuen, Frederick and Carol Pucillo of Lawrence and John and Eileen Pucillo of Nashua, N.H.; daughters and sons-in-law, Marianne and Robert Truesdale of Methuen and Susan and John Kulenkamp of Milford, N.H.; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Arthur W. Smith

Was a printing pressman for the Eagle-Tribune

Arthur W. Smith, 87, of Andover, died Friday, Dec. 7 at Wingate Nursing Home.

Mr. Smith was a printing pressman for the *Eagle-Tribune* for several years. He also worked at Merrimack College.

A lifelong Andover resident, he graduated from Punchard High School.

He was an honorary member of the Graphic Communications International Union, president of Local 89, president of Allied Trades Council, professional dog trainer for field trials in the 1950s and was a member of the Andover Council on Aging.

Mr. Smith was a member and past Master (in 1975) of St. Matthew's Lodge AF&AM in Andover, past district Grand Master of the 11th Masonic District, member of the Bektash Temple Calliope Unit in Concord, N.H.,

DEATHS

Harold "Max" Bishop, 79
Jacqueline D. Blood, 71
William Ferreira, 67
Blanche M. Jouret, 101
Ruth E. MacDonald, 74
Ruth M. O'Donnell, 80
Dorothy R. O'Neil
Carmine A. Parolisi, 88
Joseph "Whitey" Pucillo, 82
A. Sidney Roth, 85
Arthur W. Smith, 87

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BLOOD - Jacqueline D. Blood, 71, of Exeter, N.H., died Saturday, Dec. 8 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Mrs. Blood was a clerk at Raytheon Co. in Andover for several years.

FERREIRA - William Ferreira, 67, of Haverhill, died Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Merrimack Valley Hospital. Mr. Ferreira was a layout operator at Raytheon Co. in Andover for eight years until he retired in 1994.

O'DONNELL - Ruth M. (Menzie) O'Donnell, 80, of North Andover, died Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Prescott House Nursing Home. Members of her family include her brother, John J. Menzie of Andover.

the Merrimack Valley High 12 Club 649, charter member of the Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence and various other affiliated Masonic organizations.

He attended Andover Baptist Church.

He was the widower of Phyllis D. (Zerbe) Smith.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Sandra Smith of St.

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OBITUARIES

■ ARTHUR W. SMITH

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James City, Fla.; daughter and son-in-law, Jacquelyn and John Gaudet of Andover; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a niece; and a nephew. He was also father of the late Barbara M. Smith.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Burn Institute in Boston, or Shriners Crippled Children Hospital in Springfield.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Members of St. Matthew's Lodge were to meet at 7 p.m. for Masonic services. Funeral services will be today, Thursday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. at Andover Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Carmine A. Parolisi

Enjoyed sports, spending time with grandchildren

Carmine A. Parolisi, 88, formerly of Lawrence, died Saturday, Dec. 8 at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Mr. Parolisi worked at the former Wood Mill in Lawrence, and retired in 1975 from the Frank C. Meyers Corp.

Mr. Parolisi attended St. Lucy Church. An avid sports fan, he enjoyed bowling and being with

his grandchildren.

He was the widower of Jennie C. (D'Angelo) Parolisi.

Members of his family include his daughters and their husbands, Adeline and Peter DiBurro, and Lucille and James Hajjar, all of Methuen; brothers, Stephen and Edward Parolisi, both of Methuen; sisters, Frances Giarrusso of Lawrence, Adeline Gallant of Haverhill and Josephine Palermo of North Andover; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were by Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson St., Lawrence.

Dorothy R. O'Neil

Attended St. Augustine Church; funeral is today

Dorothy R. O'Neil of Andover, died Monday, Dec. 10 at Mary Immaculate Nursing/Restorative Center in Lawrence.

She was born in Lowell and was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include a niece, Helene Roberts and her husband William of Andover; a nephew, Laurence W. Riley of Andover; and two great-nieces.

A funeral Mass will be cele-

brated today, Thursday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, High Vale Lane, Andover.

Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Lowell.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Monastery of Claire, 445 River Road, Andover, 01810.

Arrangements are by Burke Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover.

Harold "Max" Bishop

Eagle-Tribune sportswriter was a lifelong resident

Harold P. "Max" Bishop, 79, a lifelong Andover resident, died Monday, Dec. 10 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Bishop was a treasured member of the local sports community for over 60 years. He was

probably best known around Andover for his 40-year career as a local sportswriter at *The Eagle-Tribune*.

His love of sports was evident back in his Punchard High School days when he was described as a "slick-fielding, power-hitting first baseman," according to *Eagle-Tribune* writer Michael Muldoon.

He was good enough to be signed by the Boston Red Sox after he got out of the Navy following World War II. He was assigned to the farm team in Oneonta, N.Y.

Eagle-Tribune colleagues said he covered everyone from future president George H.W. Bush playing baseball at Phillips Academy to future national champions like Methuen's Gary McLain who starred in basketball at Villanova University. He enjoyed promoting local athletes and covering hometown sports for the newspaper.

"But he cared just as much, if

not more so, about the bench-warmer as the All-American," Muldoon said.

Members of his family include his son, Scott Alan Bishop of Foxboro; sisters, Eleanor Dickson of Shreveport, La., Mary Ellen Jones of Groveland, and Frances Stansfield of Haverhill; and two grandsons.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. at Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Burial will be in Ridgewood Cemetery in North Andover.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Dec. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215; or to the Lawrence Boys Club, 13 Water St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Winter Semester: The winter semester of exercise classes will get underway this week. Anyone interested in more information about strength training, men's exercise, senior modified yoga,

line dancing, tai chi, aerobics, water workout, and cardio conditioning with the Andover Training Station should call the center for more specific cost and time information.

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it shop will be open again on Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance

or household item in need of repair. Please note that this will be the only fix-it in December.

Holiday Sale Tomorrow: Do some holiday shopping with us. Gift items will be on sale at the center tomorrow, beginning at 9 a.m. Christmas crafts, poinsettias, gingerbread houses, and Christmas candy will be available. Please

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TOWN TALK

Sharkey is LHS head

It was announced on Wednesday that Andover resident Thomas D. Sharkey will become the new principal at Lawrence High School effective Jan. 15. Currently the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the Billerica school system, Sharkey has served as principal of Billerica High from 1984 to 1999, and again as the first principal of East Boston Central Catholic School during the 1970s.

Fidelity's 30th

Fidelity, achievement and respect – for 30 years the volunteers at Fidelity House Human Services have worked to provide those values to the disabled people they serve, says Elizabeth Steele, associate executive director.

At their 30th anniversary meeting Wednesday volunteers planned to hold a ceremony to continue that tradition.

"It's a ceremony to represent the passing on of values (instilled by)

the founders of Fidelity House," says Steele. Fidelity House is a Lawrence-based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing services to people with developmental disabilities. Two of the people who founded Fidelity House in 1971 attended Wednesday's meeting – Mary Maloof and Rosalie Ruggiero. Fidelity House has 15 locations in the Greater Lawrence area and serves more than 500 people. Eight people live in the Andover home on Bartlet Street.

PEARL HARBOR DAY



Louis Heliotis is presented with the Bronze Star by his daughter Catherine Ramalho during a ceremony recognizing the 60th anniversary of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7.



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Retired Navy Captain Jack Caswell salutes during a ceremony at Elm Green. Later Caswell joined other veterans in tossing a wreath into the Shawsheen River.

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OBITUARY

Edna B. McIntyre*Oldest member of
BallardVale United Church*

Edna B. (Bachmann) McIntyre, 97, of Andover, died Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Meadows Health Care Center in North Andover.

Mrs. McIntyre was born and educated in Lawrence. She was a stenographer for the American Woolen Company in the Ayer Mill in Lawrence.

Mrs. McIntyre was a resident of the BallardVale section of Andover for 64 years and was the oldest member of the BallardVale United Church.

She was very involved with that church for over 60 years. She was coordinator of the group that mailed out the church newsletter and wrote thank-you notes for all donations to the Memorial Fund.

Mrs. McIntyre was also an active member of the women's church guild. She always sent notes and cards to members when they had birthdays or were experiencing personal difficulty.

She was also a life member of the Eastern Star. In her earlier years, she was part of a group called the True Blue Girls.

She was the widow of William "Bill" McIntyre, who died in 1963.

Members of her family include her sons and their wives, John A.

and Lorna McIntyre of Andover and William "Dan" D. Jr. and Elaine McIntyre of Troy, N.Y.; five grandchildren, including Andrew McIntyre of Andover; seven great-grandchildren; three cousins and one grand-nephew.

Calling hours will be held tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. at BallardVale United Church, 23 Clark Road.

Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the BallardVale United Church, 23 Clark Road, Andover, 01810.

LET THERE BE LIGHT



◀ Participants in Sunday's Hanukkah Wonderland at Old Town Hall, sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of the Merrimack Valley. The event featured an animal show, Hanukkah puppet show, a magic show, music, and a Menorah lighting.

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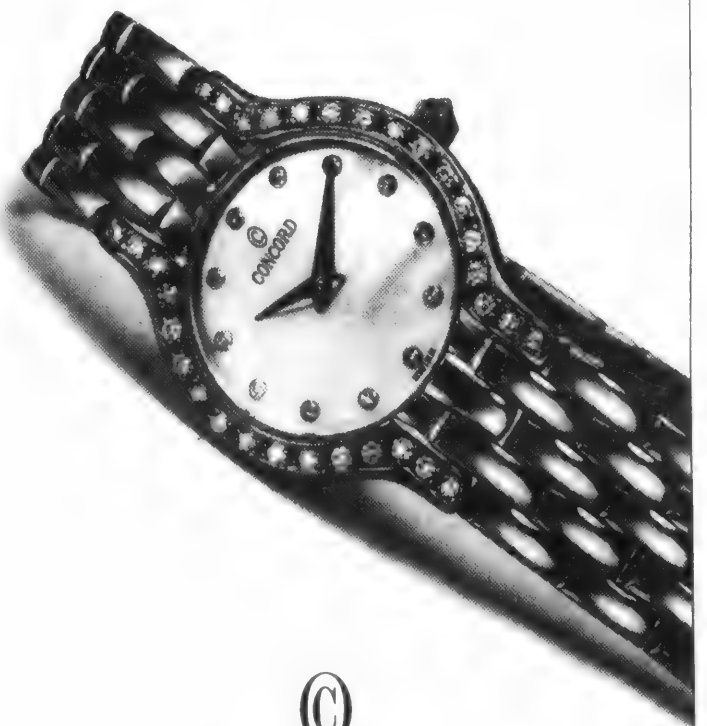
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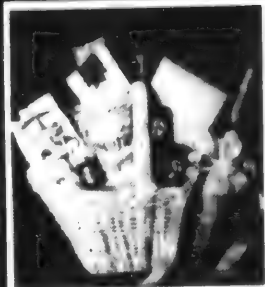
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The following property transactions occurred in Andover during July. Information provided by the Registry of Deeds.

Shelia M. Doherty bought 9 **Juniper Road** for \$500,000 from TAF Realty Trust. The mortgage is with TAF Realty Trust.

Stewart L. Boehmer and Kathleen A. Boehmer bought 21 **Knollcrest Drive** from Jose Luis Ortega Rivera and Martha C. Vizcaino Cervantes for \$785,000. The mortgage is with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Surajit Sarkar and Swati Sarkar bought 2 **Acropolis Circle** from Bertram Edwards for \$532,000. The mortgage is with Interate Mortgage Corporation.

Robert A. Burns and Clara G. Burns bought 30A **Washington Park Drive** from John P. Houlihan for \$180,000.

Chiochen Cheng and Chunhua Cheng bought 133 **Bailey Road** from Richard Edmonds and Evelyn S. Edwards for \$465,000. The mortgage is with Peoples Mortgage Corporation.

Richard Boehler and Jill Boehler bought 8 **Ravens Bluff** from Charlie Lin and Mary Lin for \$601,900. The mortgage is with Mortgage Master Inc.

John F. Phillips bought 293 **Lowell St.** from Weber Realty Trust for \$389,900.

John G. Norton and Margarita Moroz bought 5 **Apple Blossom Road** from Paul N. Dahlstrand and Mary Ellen Dahlstrand for \$480,000. The mortgage is with Mortgage Master Inc.

Cabot J. Lewis and Kristin L. Lewis bought 37 **Chester St.** from Dana P. Narlee and Kimberly A. Narlee. The mortgage is with Prism Mortgage Co.

Steven C. Colby and Colleen Caitlin Colby bought 50 **Brown St.** from Bonnie L. Gardner for \$1.7 million.

Barry J. Silevitch and Pamela G. Silevitch bought 11 **Partridge Hill Road** from Josephine Germano Cataldo for \$503,300. The mortgage is with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc.

Nathaniel W. Boughton and Nancy S. Boughton bought 7 **Cheever Circle** from Shirley A. McGinty for \$507,500. The mortgage is with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc.

Brookview Country Homes Inc. bought 102 **Argilla Road** from Joseph A. Murphy Jr., Michelle L. Murphy, and Michelle Melanson for \$325,000. The

mortgage is with Stoneham Cooperative Bank.

Donald Elliot Lowe and Mary Margaret Lowe bought 68 **Pleasant St.** from Barry R. Whiting for \$285,000. The mortgage is with Citizens Mortgage Corporation.

Mark Ratte and Julie P. Ratte bought 13-19 **River St.** from Awilda Castillo and Felix Castillo for \$405,000. The mortgage is with Bank of America NA.

Maxim Liberman bought property on **Colonial Drive** from Sylvia I. Kotsonas for \$110,500.

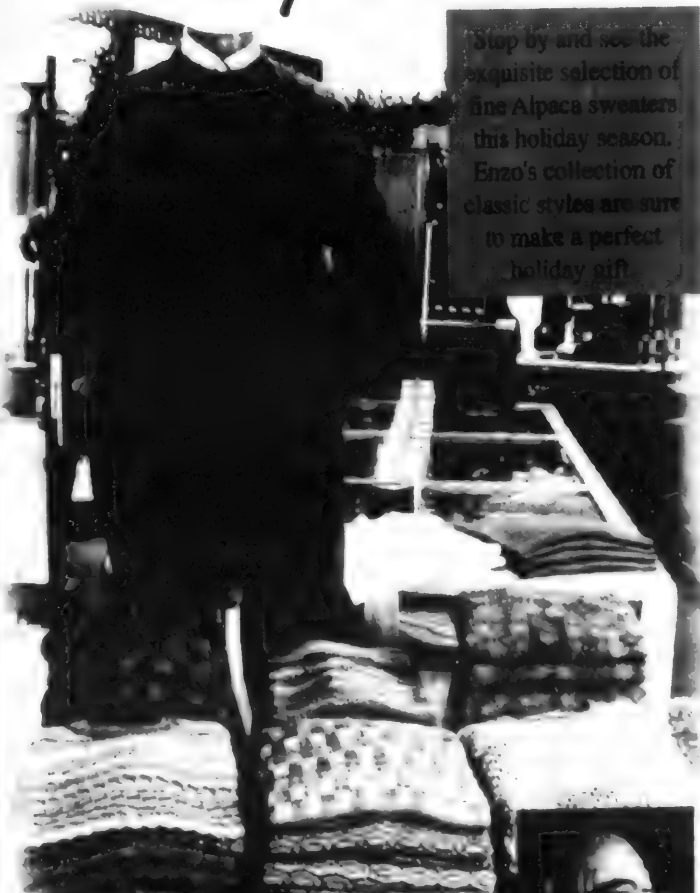
John J. McDonough and Patricia Murphy McDonough bought 7 **Wabanaki Way** from Thomas E. Sellig and Tiffany M. Sellig for \$651,000. The mortgage is with Countrywide Home Loans Inc.

Citizens Bank of New Hampshire bought 15 **Center St.** from Robert K. Wegner and Joanna Wegner for \$290,250.

Mark L. Bakies and Paula M. Bakies bought 19 **Acorn Drive** from Kenneth Unger and Bonnie Unger for \$1.4 million. The mortgage is with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Compiled by Townsman reporter Kevin Holzapfel.

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Former banker was on state Top 10 list

After dodging payments, dad must pay

By Rebecca Piro

Resident Linda Borland can't quite figure what happened to her ex-husband two years ago when he stopped paying child support and ran off with his Haverhill girlfriend.

"I think he went through a mid-life crisis or something, because he's not a bad person," she says.

She's referring to Myles Borland, 63, who was released a free man Monday after serving time since June for failing to support his children. At one point he was listed as one of the "10 Most Wanted" deadbeat dads in the state.

Linda Borland, a York Street resident, is trying to look on the bright side. She doesn't want to talk about the case; she doesn't want to badmouth her ex-husband. She's just happy it's over.

"I never wanted to see him in jail. Who would want that?" she says. The family had lived together on School Street for years

before the couple divorced. They have two children, now ages 17 and 20.

Myles Borland dodged child-support payments during a two-year trip across the country with his Haverhill girlfriend, Donna Blake, according to an *Eagle-Tribune* story that ran on Father's Day. The father of two is a former regional president for BankBoston and also worked for Citibank, says Linda Borland.

Police arrested him in Ohio last June and kept him at the Middlesex County House of Correction on \$1 million bail, on charges of willfully violating a court order and leaving the state without paying child support.

On Monday Myles Borland pleaded guilty to both charges. According to the *Eagle-Tribune*, his time spent in jail covered the sentence the judge gave him, and he walked out a free man, into the arms of his girlfriend Blake.

Despite it all, Linda Borland says she's staying positive simply because she sees no value in harboring hard feelings.

"This is really awkward. We've lived in town a long time. This was my last resort because he had simply stopped paying," she says. She will receive the remaining \$25,000 owed to her through her ex-husband's pensions and Social Security. He is obligated to pay child support until his youngest child is out of college.

The mother hopes that her children will rebuild their relationship with their father. "They have no contact with him now," she says. "I hope that will change."

Linda Borland also says she's confident that she'll receive all the money she's due. "We have made sure that it is from reliable sources, and he doesn't even have to do anything," she says. "I'm a fair person, even though I'm angry at him."

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, Dec. 6 - At 2:16 p.m., David Conley, 21, of 154 Water St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 - At 9:36 p.m., Carlos Sanchez, 34, of 28 Ware St., Lowell, was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving without a license.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 5 - At 11:34

a.m., a caller reported a bomb threat at West Middle School. Someone found graffiti on the wall in one of the bathrooms that threatened to bomb the building. The writing was not specific as to a date or time, and the school was not evacuated. The choice to evacuate is in the school's hands, says Lt. Thomas Siopes. The incident is still under investigation.

At 12:12 p.m., a caller reported a threat at Andover High School. One student had threatened another

student over some CDs. A responding officer settled the disagreement between the two kids.

At 3:51 p.m., a caller reported that a squirrel was hanging by its neck from a rope tied to a tree in The Park. The animal control officer disposed of the animal.

At 8:30 p.m., a Railroad Street resident reported that he had lost several important documents.

Thursday, Dec. 6 - At 2:33 p.m., a North Street resident

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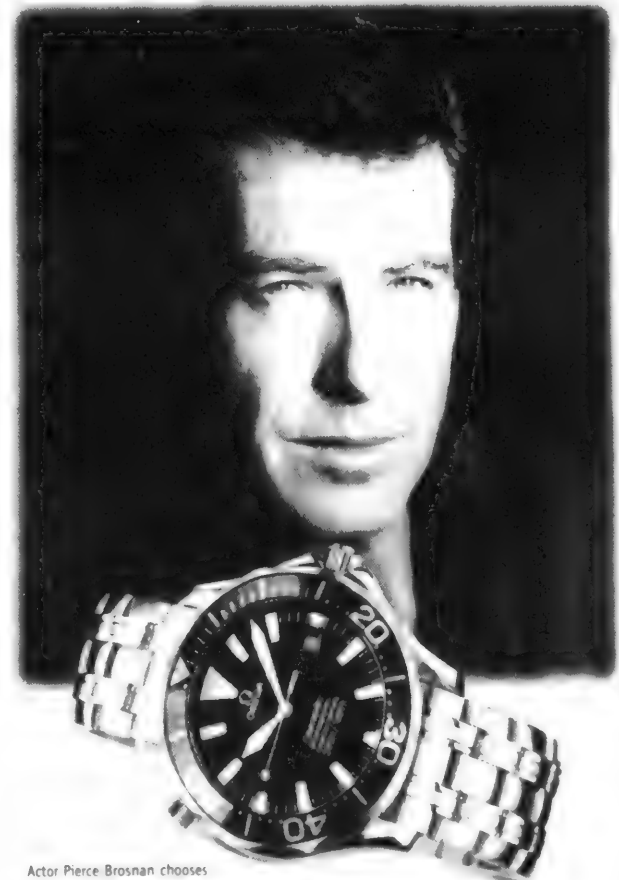
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■ INCIDENTS

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reported a missing cell phone.

At 3 p.m., a caller reported that one student had punched another at Andover High.

Friday, Dec. 7 – At 12:40 p.m., an Elm Street resident reported seeing a bird that could not fly.

At 3:30 p.m., a person brought a wallet they had found behind Old Town Hall into the station.

Saturday, Dec. 8 – At 1 p.m., a caller from North Main Street reported that someone had left a white powdery substance behind her parked motor vehicle. An officer determined that the powder was building material.

Sunday, Dec. 9 – At 1:17 a.m., a female reported that she had a squirrel in her bedroom and needed help getting it out.

BREAKS

Sunday, Dec. 9 – At 12:14 p.m., a safety officer from Phillips Academy reported that someone had broken into the school's Borden Gymnasium.

THEFTS

Thursday, Dec. 6 – At 7:33 a.m., a Central Street resident reported the theft of an eight-foot inflatable snowman.

Friday, Dec. 7 – At 8:55 a.m., a caller from Genesis Elder Care on Brickstone Drive reported a theft.

At 11:37 a.m., a Shawsheen Road caller reported a case of credit-card fraud.

At 2:34 p.m., a caller from Minuteman Road reported the theft of a laptop computer.

Saturday, Dec. 8 – At 7:01 a.m., a caller from Dunkin Donuts reported that some students from Phillips Academy had attempted to steal Christmas decorations from the

store. The store's manager caught the kids and made them return the decorations.

At 2:33 p.m., an Abbot Street resident reported that someone had stolen a sleigh from her front yard the previous night.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 – At 5:36 p.m., a Winchester Drive resident reported that his son's locker at Andover High School had been broken into.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 5 – At 8:11 a.m., a caller reported that a driver had struck and killed a cat on Moraine Street.

At 5:52 p.m., police assisted the fire department in extinguishing a car fire near the IRS on Lowell Street. The vehicle was towed away.

At 8:11 p.m., a driver struck a deer on Shawsheen Road. The deer got up and ran away, the caller said.

Friday, Dec. 7 – At 1:26 p.m., an

officer reported that a front-end loader had tipped over on Dwight Street. No one was injured and police did not file an accident report.

At 7:14 p.m., a driver reported that the car in front of her had a brief case on its roof, which slipped off. An officer retrieved the briefcase and notified the owner.

Sunday, Dec. 9 – At 1:47 a.m., a caller reported that his Lincoln Town Car had been stolen from River Road the day before.

At 7:11 a.m., a Wilmington police officer reported finding a car stolen out of Andover. The owner was notified, and the Wilmington officer was to forward the damage information.

At 2:57 p.m., a caller reported that his Chrysler Sebring had been stolen from the Wyndham Hotel parking lot on Old River Road.

Monday, Dec. 10 – At 11:07 a.m., a Wyndham Hotel employee reported an abandoned vehicle. An

officer determined that the vehicle that the vehicle had been stolen out of Somerville. The officer notified Somerville police of the recovery.

At 1:28 p.m., the Charlestown police reported recovering a vehicle stolen out of Andover. The vehicle had damage to the ignition and dents all over the body. The owner was notified.

At 6:30 p.m., a Binney Street caller reported that his license plate had been lost or stolen four months ago.

At 6:40 p.m., an officer filed on a motor vehicle theft from Ballardvale train station.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 – At 10:13 a.m., a caller reported that a tractor-trailer truck that carried gasoline seemed to be sitting on the railroad tracks off Andover Street. The driver of the truck told an officer that he was waiting there for his friend, who was buying a soda. The officer told the driver to move along.

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Police: Couple's fake checks totaled \$130,000

Two Maine residents, whom police say made fast cash from phony checks, are under arrest. Ginger Jelenic, 37, of Portland,

Maine and Eric Boilard, 28, of Scarborough, Maine, were arrested Friday at Sovereign Bank on Main Street.

They are charged with 23 offenses including identity fraud, forging checks and conspiracy – and there could be more coming, says Sgt. Det. Don Pattullo.

The fraud operation is a simple process, he adds.

"They open up a bank account using legitimate monies for 60 bucks or 100 bucks," says Pattullo. "A few days later they come back with a check they've stolen from somewhere – usually it's a business check for a considerable amount of money – and they alter the check to be made out to their fraudulent name."

Police say that Jelenic and Boilard did just that, depositing checks totaling more than \$130,000 in various banks throughout the Greater Lawrence area.

"Sovereign Bank did a good job," says Pattullo. "They didn't feel good about the woman last week when she opened the account."

Soon after, Boilard entered the bank and attempted to deposit a check for \$20,000 into Jelenic's account. The bank employees called the police.

The couple pled not guilty to the charges at Lawrence District Court Monday. They are being held on \$25,000 bail.

Boilard was also charged on a warrant for fines due for cocaine possession.

The Andover Police Department is working with banks in North Carolina, California and several other states, as well as Canada, says Pattullo. The *Eagle-Tribune* reported Tuesday that federal agencies will likely join the investigation.

— Rebecca Piro

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Education

All they want for Christmas is college acceptance

High-school seniors who applied early decision or action await college decisions next week

By Kevin Holzapfel

As if Christmas packages and gift catalogs weren't enough, postal workers have another force to deal with during December: the high school senior.

Dec. 15 marks the date when most students who applied early decision or early action to college will receive their respective colleges' decisions in the mail. Needless to say, those students will be waiting in earnest for the mail to arrive this week.

Allison Collins, head of the guidance department at Andover High School, notes that a "substantial portion" of the 400 members of the class of 2002 have applied either early decision or early action. Anywhere between 20 and 25 percent of the students will do so. The difference between the two approaches to applying comes within the conditions of admission. Early-decision students are contractually bound to attend that particular school if accepted. Early-action students are not. They merely are informed of the school's decision earlier than the normal April 15 date.

"Students apply early decision because they have done a thorough job of researching their schools," Collins says. "If a student selects a school that is an appropriate match, then they have a good chance (of being admitted)."

According to the Andover High School guidance department, applying early to college has become more popular for a number of reasons. The most common and logical reason for students to get the early jump on the application process is so they will finish earlier. The admissions process

itself is long and tedious, and the prospect of completing it in four months as opposed to eight is highly attractive to students who want to enjoy their last year of high school.

Another reason students apply early decision is because some seniors believe it will give them a slight advantage. By making the early commitment to one school, students believe admissions officers might be more inclined to return the commitment, knowing that they will receive a student who meets their criteria.

For the students who apply early, this time of year can be likened to that of early April for accountants: very stressful. And for good reason. This is the first major life decision that many students have made.

"(The application process) is hard in the sense that you have to look at yourself and see who you are," says senior Danielle Mendoza. "This is what you're going to do with the rest of your life."

While more students are applying early, the application process itself also has undergone somewhat of a change during the last 10 years. Colleges and universities weigh a prospective student's qualifications differently. According to Collins, the main focus of college admissions has shifted from results of standardized tests like the SAT and ACT to students' grades and course selection.

"It's not any harder applying early," Collins mentions. "But early decision may give students a slight edge. Again it all depends on (whether the student and university) are an appropriate match."

Finding that appropriate match



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

AHS seniors like Danielle Mendoza can decide if they want to apply early to a college. Those that have will hear an answer next week.

is an involved process in itself. Aside from filling out the application, students must research the school, visit the campus, and meet with admissions counselors. With so many colleges and universities, a student must narrow his or her choices to a select few within a short period of time. Mendoza mentions that an increasing number of seniors are limiting the number of schools to which they apply

to four or five. It is recommended to the students that they select two schools they are certain they will be accepted ("safety schools"), two schools they most likely will gain admission to, and one or two long shots or "reaches."

"With all of the schools out there, you realize the importance of seeing the school and making a final list," Mendoza adds.

The most popular schools to

which Andover High seniors apply are Boston College, Tufts University, Brown University, Cornell University, and Bentley College, according to the guidance department. Mendoza herself has narrowed her search down to five schools, all in the Northeast.

For senior Kristen Moffitt, Christmas came back in October when she found out she had been accepted early to East Carolina University. Kristen applied through early rolling admission where the school has various application and notification deadlines. "I was caught off guard (when notified back in October) but I was glad because if I didn't get in I would have had to look elsewhere," she says.

As far as the application process in general goes, Moffitt agrees that it is very stressful. After compiling a large list of prospective schools over the summer and fighting off the fear and procrastination plaguing students, Moffitt, like many other seniors, had to whittle her list down to a chosen few.

Students like Kaitlin O'Malley, who applied early action, should hear from their colleges of choice any day now. O'Malley, a captain on the Andover High girls' three-time state champion swim team, sent her application to Boston College. While the application process seemed "overwhelming at first" when she began it during her junior year, O'Malley chose to focus her search on Catholic universities located near major cities, as she felt that there are more opportunities for internships in metropolitan areas.

Grandfathering: Allowing kids to remain at school for year

School Committee members wait for data to be compiled, decision coming at Dec. 18 meeting

By Kevin Holzapfel

Decision day is quickly approaching for the Andover School Committee. It must decide what it will do about fifth- and eighth-graders who want to remain in their current school for their final year at that level.

Since 1999, when it was decided that two new schools would be constructed in town, the issue of redistricting has garnered attention.

If passed, a grandfathering clause would permit parents of students entering grades 5 and 8 to

have the option to keep their children in their current elementary or middle school for their final years, as opposed to sending them to a new school for one year.

Earlier this year, a preliminary survey was sent out to 400 parents whose children would be eligible for grandfathering. About 90 of those surveyed said they would want their child to remain where he or she currently attends school. On Nov. 30, another survey was sent out to parents asking the same question, to get a better idea about what people want. Those who do

not respond to the survey will be considered as not wanting their child to be grandfathered.

The results of the survey, which were supposed to be returned by Wednesday, Dec. 12, the day the *Townsmen* went to press, will give the School Committee a clearer understanding of public opinion. However, that opinion will not determine if children will be grandfathered.

"We will sincerely look at the data. If there is no serious impact on classes or students, then let's go with it," says Superintendent of

Schools Dr. Claudia L. Bach. "We just don't know yet. (We have to ask) what is the best course for the children when determining (the decision)."

That decision will be made at the School Committee meeting on Dec. 18.

If grandfathering is passed, those students remaining at their current school would not be afforded bus transportation. In addition, if the number of students in each classroom rises above the median in these schools, then not only would teachers need to relo-

cate from other schools, but additional staff members would have to be hired. Given the limited flexibility of the town's school budget, that consideration will be a factor.

However, some parents clearly believe the idea of letting students stay with friends and familiar surroundings has merit.

"We need to do the right thing for the entire student body. Each school must remain viable in terms of programs and staffing. It could be that grandfathering won't even impact (the student body). We just don't know yet," says Bach.

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Tuesday: Rotini with meatsauce, toasted cheese sandwich with soup, rib b'que dippers, Sun Maid raisins, potato puffs and milk, sugar cookie.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, baked chicken nuggets, pizza stick with soft pretzel, corn, pears and milk.

Thursday: Egg McMuffin, bagel french toast with sausage, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, potato puffs, carrots, fruit and milk.

Friday: Fried chicken with potato, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza with pasta salad, peas, fresh fruit and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Chicken fajita, 2 toasted cheese sandwiches, slice of pizza with pasta salad, green beans, peaches and milk. Lucky Tray Day.

Tuesday: Rotini with meatsauce, 2 hot dogs on a roll, rib b'que dippers, Sun Maid raisins, potato puffs and milk, sugar cookie.

Wednesday: 2 egg McMuffins with chips, baked chicken nuggets, pizza stick with soft pretzel, corn, pears and milk.

Thursday: Steak and cheese sub, bagel french toast with sausage, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, potato puffs, carrots, fruit and milk.

Friday: Chef's choice, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza with pasta salad, peas, fresh fruit and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Pork chops with potato, rotini with meatsauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Beef-n-cheese sub, spaghetti ilio olio, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk, pudding.

Wednesday: Bagel french toast with ham, baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Cheeseburger with chips, American chop suey, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: 2 hot dogs with chips, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza fruit, veggie and milk.

South Elementary School

Special menus have been discontinued for the month of December, according to Andover Food Services.

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West Middle School sets first-term honor roll

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Robert Bradley
Christopher Browne
Alison Butler
Marisa Caliri
Bradford Colbert
Matthew Colbert
James Conway
Kaitlyn Conway
Kara Crowley
Andrew Gatti
Christopher Gibson
Margaret Gillan
Mallory Goldstein
Michelle Guy
Lisa Hamney
Emma Hofmans
Fred Huang
Robert Hughes
Suzanne Hyslip
Colleen Irby
Amy Kasparian
Andrea Kurkul
Donna Lamontagne
Melissa Larson
Sydney Layne
Melodee Li
Molly Lieberman

Paul Malaguti
Andrea Martin
Julie Marton
Brian McCall
Meghan McDermott
Daniel McDonnell
Elizabeth McPartland
Sonal Mehta
Zachary Miller
Gerald Mohan
Christopher Muscatello
Adam Nadelson
Kathryn Nugent
Laura Ouellette
Danielle Perry
Christina Pierro
Frank Pierro
Adam Rousmaniere
Meghan Saccone
Andrew Sanders
Joseph Savoca
Lindsay Schoen
Kristen Sebasky
Donna Shin
Jessica Sofio
Patricia Sullivan
Kate Thompson
Steven Twomey
Dragos Velicanu
Nandini Vijayakumar
Alyssa Wallace
Margaret Wang
Emily Whalen
Abigail Wheelwright
Andrew Whiting
Julia Wise

HONORS

Michael Ahern
Nicholas Assad
Samuel Ball

Gabi Barnettler
Michael Barry
Lindsay Belanger
Joseph Benedix
Ned Berger
Jordan Boehler
Mikaila Bourgeois
Allison Brown
Tamar Bucci
Michael Campinell
Tyler Carroll
Anthony Christiano
Sara Christopher
Lauren Ciampa
Sarah Coneeny
Maura Daniels
Eric Demarco
Matthew Dion
Sarah Doucet
Arthur Drivas
Brad Durkin
Kathryn Dwulet
Sophia Esmail
Allison Fairburn
Kara Flaherty
Maureen Gaj
Faye Gianopoulos
Michael Gianopoulos
Christian Hidirah
Edward Hunt
Tyler Hyslep
Katie Infantine
John Kim
Gregory Levis
Jeffrey MacInnes
Justin Maddox
Ryan Mann
Eric Matulsky
Lauren McConnell
Jennifer McDonald
Michael McNamara

Darren McRoy
Jennifer Merinder
Anders Nordblom
Amy Olsheskie
Carrie Pettee
Chelsea Portney
Raymond Puntoni
Andrew Rance
Danielle Richards
Brendan Richardson
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Kelsey Shaw
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David Shin
Brittany Sickler
Katharine Smidt
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Caitlin Thorburn
Kyle Tildsley
Nicholas Travers
Gregory Vetrano
Pauline Viscosi
Bradley Yount

Grade 7

HIGH HONORS

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Lauren Barry
Jennifer Berger
Charlotte Bicking
Kaleigh Biles
John Brody
Rebecca Cairns

Kevin Calabro
Allison Callery
Donal Casey
Stephen Chan
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Christina Conley
Marco Cusumano-Towner
Molly Desmond
Adam Eckel
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Erik O'Connell
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Laura Perry
Tiffany Petzold
Corey Richard
Alycia Robbat
Kelly Roberge
Aaron Rosenberg
Roni Rosenberg
Trevor Sanders
Oliver Scarborough
Corinne Schweitzer
Peter Shaw
Faryn Shiro
Sandra Sierra
Michael Somma
Nicholas Tassinari
Andrew Thibodeau
Kelly Toomey
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Gabrielle Traub
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Andrea Davis
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Allison DiSalvo
Brooke Felden
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Michael Freedman
Rebecca Ginsburg
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Renee Hamilton
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Casey Harrison
Conner Hickey
Jillian Himmer
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Ryan Kemp
Rebecca Khalandovsky
Jillian Koravos

Kristin Korsberg
Megan Mahesh
Rajit Malhotra
Shawn McDermott
Annelise Mesler
Colin Ng
Hannah Nichols
Michael Nickerson
John Nugent
Shayna Orent
Michael Palermo
Valerie Peacock
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Charlotte Purcell
Laura Renfro
Megan Richards
Samuel Rosenberg
Christopher Sartori
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Lauren Hughes
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Andrew Kahan
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Victoria Leung
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Avery MacKenzie
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Ryan Sierra
Michael Stephens
Ann Sullivan
Annie Tibbitts
Paloma Velazquez
Sydney Venuti
Ryan Walsh
Rebecca Wrightson
Alice Wu
Abigail Zuckerman



For four weeks this fall, Sanborn students explored AVIS trails as part of the after-school Explorations program. They explored Vale Reservation, Indian Ridge, West Parish and Baker's Meadows, and Goldsmith Woodlands. Students observed wildlife and learned about the history of the properties. From left, Mary Charlotte Buck, Julia Dwyer, Taryn Ferguson, David Field, Christopher Wu, Dan Ritzer and Meredith Bird stop to view a beaver lodge at Baker's Meadow.

Reception honors Pike School benefactors

Pike School hosted its Annual Fund Leadership Reception last Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy. The gala is held annually to thank those individuals and families who have made significant contributions to the school and its programs. The evening included viewing of current museum exhibits, followed by refreshments.

The Pike School Annual Fund finances enhanced programs in the following areas: professional development, faculty compensation, curriculum development, technology, fine arts, physical plant, athletics and financial aid.

For more information about the 2001-02 Annual Fund, contact Pike at 978-475-1197, Ext. 207.

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From left: David Nichols, ASA President Bonnie Spurr, Dave Amundsen, and Brian Parker.

Coach Amundsen nets praise

Dave Amundsen, Andover High's boys varsity soccer coach, was recently named as the first inductee to the Andover Soccer Association's Hall of Fame in addition to a special recognition award to commemorate his founding of the youth program in 1975. The presentation was conducted at the AHS soccer banquet held at the High School on Dec. 5. Bonnie Spurr, Andover Soccer Association president, was joined in the presentation by Brian Parker, vice-president, and Dave Nichols, secretary.

Amundsen, who retired as a physical education teacher at AHS last year, was not aware that he was to be honored and was completely surprised.

"Every person in this room who has played, coached, or watched their children play and grow in the Andover Soccer Association owes it all to one very special, honorable and caring person," Spurr told the audience of high-school boys and girls, and their parents.

From that first day in 1975 when Amundsen sat by himself and began registering children and enlisting the help of parents, the ASA has grown to be the third largest youth soccer program in Massachusetts, with more than 2,000 players. After the presentation, Amundsen spoke of his experience and expressed that it has been very gratifying to not only see the growth of the program but also that the quality has continued to improve, without abandoning one of his original tenets, that every player must play half of every game.



At left, Christopher Vogel, 3, and Kyle Vogel, 6, learn how to make gingerbread houses in a DCS course at Shaw-shen School last week.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Two from Andover among veterans paid tribute by French government

By Judy Wakefield

His war scrapbook has several pages while his precious box of medals, including a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, is stuffed with yet even more honors.

But Mario Medaglio, 78, of Andover, points to a simple newspaper clipping that ran in the *New York Times* when asked to talk about his war days. In it, his fighting First Infantry is hailed for doing more fighting than any other.

"I think the best symbol of the American army overseas is the fighting First Infantry Division. They have fought their way more miles against more Germans than any other unit in the American army. They left their dead by the hundreds in Tunisia, Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany. And when the final surrender came they were still killing Nazis. Their battle achievements dwarf their losses. But you can't forget these soldiers who died...." the war correspondent wrote after seeing them fight.

Medaglio says there are no reasons to single him out for a special honor. Rather, that entire First Infantry is what matters most to him.

"We were in it together. It was more than 50 years ago, but I will never forget those guys," said Medaglio, of Newman Hill Road.

The French government is saying thanks to Medaglio, along with other veterans from around the state who stormed the beaches and fought for France's liberation from the Axis Powers during World War II.

They are being honored at a special ceremony today, Thursday, at Boston's Black Falcon Terminal aboard the French aircraft carrier *Jeanne D'Arc*, currently docked in Boston. These veterans will receive citations from the French consul general.

Louis Heliotis, 76, of High Street will also be there. He remembers that June morning like it was yesterday. When asked what will be going through his mind at the



THEN AND NOW: Mario Medaglio, of Andover, who will be honored today.

ceremony, he said this:

"What was going through my mind on that June morning will be going through my mind on Thursday... it was 5:30 or 6 a.m. and 4,000 ships were in that channel when we opened up on the coast of France. A bunch of us guys got into the nets to get down to the boats in that choppy water... we started heading to the beach... I was 18 or 19 along with rest of the young fellas. They think the young people don't think much but we were thinking. We knew we had to get to the beach and get inland as fast as possible.

The Germans had zeroed in on us and were firing on the beaches. We knew we had to get inland. A lot of guys didn't make it... I had a good angel watching over me."

Proud family members will be on hand for the ceremony which is stirring up bittersweet memories for both veterans.

Medaglio, who served in the Army, said he still thinks about the men who lost their lives, but also feels that his experience serves as a living history textbook for his grandchildren.

"Guys like us don't want seek the recognition," he said. "I'm really going through this because I want my grandchildren, nieces and nephews to know what I did. I want them to remember this stuff."



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Louis Heliotis received a Bronze Star at ceremonies commemorating the 60th anniversary of Pearl Harbor last Friday.

WEDDINGS

Parsons-Halleran

Sarah Halleran and Robert Parsons were married June 30 at Hellenic Center, Ipswich.

The bride is the daughter of Deborah Halleran Ursitti of Andover and Lawrence Halleran of Seattle, Wash.

She is a graduate of Andover High School; University of N.H., where she received a bachelors degree; and Simmons College, with a master's degree. She is currently a teacher at Arlington High School.

The groom is the son of Robert and Kathleen Parsons of Topsfield. He is a graduate of Masconomet Regional High School and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of N.H. He is currently an art director at *Boston Magazine*.

The couple live in Somerville.



Robert and Sarah
Parsons

McDowell-Cervone

Laura Ann Cervone, the daughter of Marie and Peter M. Cervone of Andover, was married on July 21, to Matthew Stuart McDowell, the son of Elizabeth V. McDowell of Old Forge, N.Y. and the late Rev. David B. McDowell.

Fr. Paul Kilroy and the Rev. Kirk Berlenbach performed the ceremony at St. Augustine Church in Andover.

The bride, a graduate of Emerson College, is the manager of media relations and a company spokesperson for the TJX Companies Inc., in Framingham.

The groom, a graduate of Hamilton College, is a second-grade teacher at Pompositicut Elementary School in Stow. He received his master's of education degree from the University of Hartford.

The couple, who met while involved in a community theater production of *The Music Man*, now live in Watertown, after their honeymoon in the Greek Islands.



Laura and Matthew
McDowell

Mitchell-Curtiss

Cullen Arlington Curtiss and John Anthony Mitchell Jr. were married Sept. 22 on the beach at the bride's parents summer house in Lorraine, Ontario, Canada.

The Rev. Kendal Fessenmeyer, a friend of the couple, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trumbull Cary Curtiss, of Berkeley, Calif., formerly of Andover.

She is a graduate of Pike School, Concord Academy, the University of Vermont and St. Mary's College, Moraga, Calif. She holds a master's degree in creative writing. She is employed at Sapient Corp. in San Francisco.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Anthony Mitchell, of Santa Fe, N.M.

He is a graduate of Santa Fe Country Day, Williams College and St. Mary's College, Moraga, Calif., where he also holds a master's degree in creative writing. He is currently employed at Brende and Lamb in Berkeley, Calif.

The couple live in Berkeley, Calif.



Cullen and John
Mitchell

Bird-Reid

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Reid of Andover, announce the marriage of their daughter, Carole Marie Reid, to Willett Bradford Bird, son of Susan Bird and John Campbell of Greenwich, Conn.

The couple was married July 7 at Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy. Michael Ebner, chaplain, officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Phillips Academy and Colby College. She is currently a consultant with Accenture.

The groom is also a graduate of Phillips Academy and Georgetown University. He is currently an account executive with Factset.

The couple live in Hong Kong.



Carole and Willett
Bird

Lee-Carlson

Krista Marleen Carlson and Thomas Edward Lee were married Nov. 11, 2000 at St. Augustine Church, with the Rev. George Morgan, OSA, officiating. A reception followed at Andover Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James and Nancy Greeley of Andover and Mr. and Mrs. John and Deborah Carlson of Centre Harbor, N.H. She graduated from Plymouth State College, and is currently a property manager at Avalon Oaks in Wilmington.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. and Jayne Lee of Rockaway Beach, N.Y. He is also a graduate of Plymouth State College and is employed in the public relations field.

After a honeymoon in Bora Bora, the couple live in Wilmington.



Thomas and Krista
Lee

DeAngelis-Zieser

Christine J. Zieser, daughter of Tom and Carol Zieser of Duxbury, married Richard J. DeAngelis, son of Richard and Christine DeAngelis of Andover, on June 8. The ceremony took place in Ochre Court at Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I. where the couple met while attending college. The ceremony was performed by Msgr. William Glynn of Holy Family Parish in Duxbury.

The maid of honor was Tracy Zieser, sister of the bride. The best man was Derek DeAngelis, brother of the groom. The bridesmaids were Francesca Durante, Deidra DeAngelis, Alica Fascione, Meaghan McCarthy and Stephanie Moore.

The groomsmen were Albert Antonucci, Brendan Gallagher, Marc Saulnier, James Brady, Arthur Aldo, John Paul Rutigliano and Tom Zieser. The flower girl was Meaghan Zieser. The ring bearers were John and Joseph Coppola.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Duxbury High School. She is currently a registered nurse at Boston Medical Center.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Andover High School. He is currently an analyst for Mellon Financial Corp.

Following the wedding reception, the couple honeymooned in Italy and Spain.

They live in Quincy.



Christine and Richard
DeAngelis

ON THE SCENE

Warm hearts, sweet treats, frosty fun

SIXTEEN ANDOVER FIREFIGHTERS and their guests were among the 8,000 who attended last week's benefit concert in Lowell for the children who lost parents on Sept. 11.



ON THE SCENE

Judy Wakefield

Sponsored by Congressman Marty Meehan, who is married to Andover native Ellen Murphy, the event raised some \$300,000 that will be used to cover education costs for the 30 kids in Meehan's district who lost parents in the terrorist attacks.

Already, Jessica Gowell, a Northeastern University student from Methuen who lost her

father, has received a check from the Meehan Education Fund.

Performers included Don Henley, David Crosby, Tracy Bonham and comedian Jimmy Tingle. Meehan graciously set aside complimentary tickets for local firefighters and police officers. But due to scheduling problems, no Andover police were able to take



Don Henley and David Crosby on stage at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell last Wednesday night. Above, Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Lowell), host for the evening's Children's Benefit Concert, gestures towards the seating sections where invited firefighters, police officers, military personnel, and postal workers were sitting.



advantage of the tickets.

Firefighters from Andover attending the concert included Fire Chief Chuck Murnane; deputies James Lynch, Richard Hartman, Al Deldotto; lieutenants David Lynch, James Cuticchia, Richard Dalton, Barry Thornton; and firefighters Robert Sheaff, Brian Wright, Keith Weightman, Dan Guillet, Matt

Burke, Dennis Sullivan, Todd Richardson and Kevin Moore.

It's a sweet treat for many Andover families, and it officially rings in the holiday season. It's a trip to see *The Nutcracker* and several local families did just that last weekend.

It was New England Civic Ballet's performance of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic. Staged at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, more than 2,500 people took in the five sold-out shows staged between Friday and Sunday.

"I think we had one show that had four seats left," said NECB artistic director Phyllis George, a former performing member of the American Ballet Theatre in New York and former Rockette.

She said about 12 of the many dancers in the production come from Andover and she singled out Sweet Mimi's Chocolates of Andover in the playbill for helping out with the show.

The colorfully-choreographed production was filled with experienced ballerinas.

"I had some fathers come up to me after

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the show and say it was great because they didn't fall asleep," George chuckled, adding, "...this is truly a labor of love."

If you missed the show, it will be back next year. In fact, George said she has booked the Rogers Center for the next three years.

Dance Prism performs *The Nutcracker* this weekend at the Collins Center. Their advertisement lists performance times on page 17A in our Holiday Gift Guide, included in today's *Townsmen*.
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Andover moms are quite familiar with *Mia Bambini*, a manufacturer of upscale children's clothes in Lawrence. Last Thursday, the company staged a fashion show with proceeds benefitting the YWCA of Greater Lawrence's summer camp on Captains Pond in Salem, N.H. All of the proceeds will be used to hire staff to teach fine arts at the camp. And, the money will also cover tuition costs for those who can't afford it.
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The snow finally arrived and many Andoverites were more than ready for some cold weather fun. About 125 residents turned out for the **Department of Community Services first-ever Community Skate** event last Friday night at Phillips Academy. The event was free and held for an hour. What took

so long for DCS to hook up with Phillips and offer some nighttime public skating for the town? Well, there's never been a relationship between the two. But those days appear to be gone. Phillips, which is currently building a state-of-the-art rink, has a new rink manager, **Ben Ruggles**. **Mary Donohue**, of DCS, met him online through a state-sponsored recreation workshop.

"He saw my name and wrote to me saying 'I'm up the street.' He has a recreation background so he knows how important it is to offer these kinds of events," said Donohue, who had never been to the rink before Ruggles gave her a tour.

Residents can expect more free skating as Donohue got rave reviews from those who took part in the event.
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The Holly Ball, a dinner dance for Andover dads and daughters, was a huge success last month with 70-plus dads waitlisted because tickets were capped at 150. As promised, DCS is offering another dinner dance. This time, moms and sons are invited, too. Mark Friday, March 15 for the DCS-sponsored Family Dance and plan to bring your entire brood. Everyone is welcome to this one.

Judy Wakefield can be reached by e-mail at <jwakefield@andovertownsmen.com>.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Congregation Tifereth Israel, the conservative congregation serving Andover and surrounding communities, announced that its youth groups, Kadima and Junior USY (United Synagogue Youth) are participating in Boston's **Shriner's Hospital Project BAG** (Bears are Great). They are collecting stuffed bears and will deliver them to the kids at the Shriner's Burn Hospital this Sunday, Dec. 16.

Anyone wishing to donate a new or nearly-new bear should contact **Fred Elias**, youth director at the synagogue, at 978-474-0540.
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Over the past year, the **Andover Garden Club** donated design services, labor, and \$1,100 worth of landscaping and plant materials to the **Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity**.

Members began by meeting with Habitat for Humanity landowners and staff members to plan landscapes for the yards at numbers One and Three Hancock Street - two Habitat for Humanity houses in a very visible location at the rotary joining Hancock Street with Melrose, Medford, and Margin streets in Lawrence.

The project was spearheaded by **Vicky Johnston**, a member of the boards of both the Andover Garden

Club and the Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity. The **Lawrence Garden Club** collaborated on the project. **Judy Wright**, a landscape designer who is a member of the Andover Garden Club, created the final landscape plan.

During September, club members worked with homeowners **Billy Sandoval** and **Belkis Perez** to install shrubs and perennials all around their properties. The plantings were subsequently mulched with six yards of spruce mulch donated by the **Alfred J. Cavallaro** landscape-contracting firm.

The association between the Andover Garden Club and the Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity is ongoing, organizers said, and the club plans to carry out additional landscaping this spring at 113 and 115 Hancock St.

The project will be funded by a \$1,000 grant from the **Massachusetts Federation of Garden Clubs**. The Andover Garden Club is a Federation member, and it solicited the grant.

Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership co-chairs **Mary de Smet** at 978-975-0426 or <mldesm@aol.com> and **Karen Schnorrenberg** at 978-474-8973 or <karens@ne.mediaone.net>.



Frances Wheeler, past president of the Andover Garden Club, installs perennials and shrubs as part of the club's Habitat landscaping project.



Billy Sandoval, Habitat homeowner, and Vicky Johnston, of Andover Garden Club and Habitat for Humanity, work to install landscaping around the Sandoval home in Lawrence.

Arts & Entertainment

Ice time: Passes available at PA for Andover Skating Club members

THERE WILL BE SKATING at Phillips Academy this winter after all for former members of the Andover Skating Club.

Just a few days after the demise of the club made the front page of the *Townsmen*, Phillips Academy is offering a solution: season passes to its ice skating rink for former club members. The passes cost \$20 each and can be used for open skating on Sunday afternoons and mid-day on weekdays throughout the winter.

"We're trying to meet a need in the

community for open skating," says Benjamin W. Ruggles, manager of rink operations, "but we're limited in our current Smith Rink due to its size

and especially the small amount of available parking. Many skating club families purchased skates and were looking forward to skating this winter

before the club announced it was closing." In future years, when the new Ted Harrison Rink is open, Phillips Academy says it plans to offer public skating sessions.

Former Andover Skating Club members may purchase passes for \$20 each by bringing proof of skating club membership to the Phillips Academy

Athletic Office in Borden Gym from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 978-749-4-ICE.

Holiday open house

The new Phillips Academy Skating School is inviting the community to a holiday open house from 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Sumner Smith Rink on South Main Street.

The event will begin with a figure-skating exhibition by five local skaters, followed by free family ice skating. Hot chocolate will be served, and families can meet the rink's professional staff and pick up information about Tots, Basic Skills and Ice Dancing classes. Registration is still being taken for winter session classes, including the Thursday morning Tots class and the Sunday evening Basic Skills and Ice Dancing classes.

The event is free of charge. Those who wish to skate should bring skates.

For more information, call 978-749-4-ICE.



Popular activity - Enjoying the first-ever DCS Community Skate event last Friday night at Phillips Academy are, from left: Taryn Ferguson, Caroline O'Sullivan, and Mary Charlotte Buck, all 9 years old. The hour-long event was free.

AHS Fine Arts concert: 'A renewed feeling of peace'

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL will showcase representative music ensembles from throughout the town when the Performing Arts Department presents its annual holiday concert in the J. Everett Collins Center tonight, Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7:30.

Carol Prasad, choral director at the High School, says, "We have put together a unique celebration for this holiday season, in which so many of us are feeling renewed appreciation for what it means to be at peace."

The concert will include an unusual mix of classical, holiday and patriotic repertoire.

The High School Chorus and All-Town Orchestra will open the concert with the *Gloria* from Haydn's *Heiligmesse*. The South Side Singers, a select ensemble of elementary students from South School under the direction of Linda O'Donnell, will team with the Orchestra in an arrangement of George F. Handel's *Art Thou Troubled*. Holiday selections will include *Carol of the Bells*, *Mother Ginger* from *The Nutcracker*, and the ever popular *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. Ensembles will also perform two selections from the Hanukkah holiday repertoire. *Aleih Neiri* (*Rise Up My Light*), performed by the Andover High Chorus, will feature tenor Daniel Rosensweig and soprano Kaitlin Maguire. *Bashana Haba ah* will be performed by the West Middle School Orchestra under the direction of Adrienne Casselle. The Doherty Middle School Orchestra as well as the All-Town Orchestra are under the baton of Julie Diehl.

Joseph Wright will make his debut as conductor of the Andover High Concert Band. He wants the audience to enjoy the band's rendition of the pensive *Pavane* by Gabriel Faure, the harmonies of the Russian anthem *Salvation if Created*, and the exciting *Chant and Jubilo* of W. Francis McBeth.



"Season of Peace" - A Holiday Concert, will be held tonight, Thursday, at 7:30 in the Collins Center at Andover High School. The program will feature: Andover High School Band, Andover High School Chorus, Andover All-Town Orchestra and, as special guests: Doherty and West Middle School Orchestras, Doherty Eighth Grade Chorus, and the South Side Singers from South School. Shown above, from front to back, are Gina Tsai, Sharon Shue, and Gabi Barmettler from the All-Town Orchestra, at a recent practice, with the South Side Singers in the background.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 13

Holiday concert, featuring Andover High School's performing arts department, AHS Chorus, Andover All-Town Orchestra, Doherty and West Middle School orchestras, Doherty Eighth Grade Chorus, and South School's South Side Singers, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center; 978-623-8653.

Moscow Boys Choir holiday concert, \$25, \$20 seniors, students, 8 p.m., Ipswich Performing Arts Center, 136 High St., Ipswich; 978-356-1949.

Historic home holiday tour, Lowell's Nesmith House decorated with old-fashioned holiday appeal, 1-5 p.m., \$10, \$7 seniors, students, 229

Andover St., Lowell; 978-458-3722.

Live Christmas concert, St. John's Preparatory School's Men's Chorus and String Ensemble, free, 7:30 p.m., in the school's chapel, 72 Spring St., Danvers; 978-774-1050, Ext. 356.

Meeting, Civil War Round Table of the Merrimack, free, 6 p.m., Newburyport Public Library, 94 State St., Newburyport.

Crucifix-hold event, featuring Hugo Girard, North America's Strongest Man, who will try to break the world's record, 6 p.m., Good Time Emporium, Somerville; 703-527-3334.

Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's Come-

dy Wedding, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Friday, Dec. 14

Hanukkah Night of Music, free, 7:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

Author lecture, former Boston mayor and ambassador Raymond Flynn, of *The Accidental Pope, Portrait on Pope Paul II*, free, 5:30 p.m., sponsored by the Irish Foundation of Lawrence, Claddah Pub & Restaurant, function room, Canal Street, Lawrence; 978-683-9007.

Lecture, with the Rev. Dr. James Eck-

els, on "The Role of Psyche, Dream and Myth in Cancer," free, 6-7:30 p.m., 95 Ballardvale Road; 978-475-9130.

Christmas party, sponsored by the North East Builders Assoc. of Mass., \$35, 6:30 p.m., Mill House Restaurant, Dracut; 978-858-3555.

Film, *Conscientious Objections*, 90-minute narrative film set in 1968 based on coming of age story of two best friends during Vietnam, parental discretion advised, 6:30, 9 p.m., Stage Two-Cinema Pub, 109R Main St., Amesbury; Graham Sousa 978-388-4058.

Live comedy, John Valby, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93,

Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Bob Seibel, Dan Kelly, Pat O'Shea, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Historic home holiday tour, see Dec. 13 entry.

Saturday, Dec. 15

Hanukkah celebration, sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Merrimack Valley, 5:45 p.m. lighting of the menorah, North Andover Common; 978-475-1853.

Hanukkah celebration, sponsored by Solomon Schechter Day School of Merrimack Valley, 6 p.m., 514 Main St., Haverhill; 978-372-4140.

Andover holiday house tour, sponsored by Andover Garden Club and featuring seven local homes, \$15 advance, \$18 day of tour, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Claire Syiek 978-475-8101, <csyiek@aol.com>.

Unity breakfast, 10-11:30 a.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

Noel: A French Christmas, featuring the Master Singers, \$16, \$14 seniors, 8 p.m., First Parish Church, Lexington; 781-862-6459, <www.themastersingers.org>.

Children's Christmas Party, sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars and open to children (up to 12) with relatives in the VFW, 2 p.m., 32 Park St., North Andover; 978-687-9614.

Author reading, with Louis J. Fagan of *Angelo*, 2-4 p.m., Waldenbooks, Rockingham Park Mall, Salem, N.H.; 518-762-5309.

Lecture, with the Rev. Dr. James Eckels on "The Archetype of the Saviour as the Sacred Image in the Destiny of the Individual," free, 2-3:30 p.m., 95 Ballardvale Road; 978-475-9130.

Flu shots, \$12, 9 a.m.-noon, sponsored by Winchester Hospital, Burbank YMCA, 36 Arthur B. Lord Drive, Reading; 781-756-2400.

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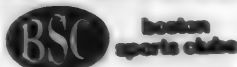
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Historic home holiday tour, see Dec. 13 entry.

Film, Conscientious Objections, see Dec. 14 entry.

Sunday, Dec. 16

Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by Andover Center Association, \$5, plus \$2 for photo with Santa, proceeds benefit Eagle-Tribune Santa Fund, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; John Daher 978-470-8121.

Christmas concert, 6 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church, with church choir, St. Florence Choir of Wakefield and the New England String Ensemble, 198 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-683-8922.

Christmas story recreation, 5 p.m., outdoors at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road; 978-475-3528.

Gloria, New England Classical Singers, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 978-474-6090, <www.newenglandclassical.org>.

Holiday concert, featuring singers

from Bancroft and West Elementary schools, Laura and Daniel Murray, Ryan and Sean Furlong and Erica Potts, 2 p.m., Blue Cow Restaurant, 7 Barnard St.; 978-474-1886.

Holiday concert, with Tower Grass Quintet and Livingston Taylor, \$22, \$17 seniors, students, 3 p.m., Ipswich Performing Arts Center, 136 High St., Ipswich; 978-356-1949.

A Christmas Carol, \$25, \$18 children under 12, 2 p.m., North Shore Music Theatre, Beverly, North Reading Parks and Recreation Department has discounted tickets to this show; 978-664-6016.

Live jazz, with Jack Senioer (piano) and Mark Carlsen (bass), 5-9 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammatt St., Ipswich; 978-356-7006.

Modeling auditions, sponsored by Barbizon, for boys and girls ages 10 to 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Ramada Rolling Green Inn, Lowell Street; appointments necessary 800-223-4613.

Historic home holiday tour, see Dec. 13 entry.

Film, Conscientious Objections, 2:30 p.m., see Dec. 14 entry.

Monday, Dec. 17

Film, Conscientious Objections, 6:30 p.m., see Dec. 14 entry.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Live jazz, with The John Souza Quartet, \$5, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Film, Conscientious Objections, 6:30 p.m., see Dec. 14 entry.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Merrimack Valley Camera Club meeting, print competition, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-689-9643.

Auditions, Never Too Late, The Valley Players, 7-9 p.m., Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

Film, Conscientious Objections, 6:30 p.m., see Dec. 14 entry.

Thursday, Dec. 20

Film, Conscientious Objections, 6:30 p.m., see Dec. 14 entry.

Friday, Dec. 21

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Jim Colliton.

John Joyce, Dave Greenberg, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's Comedy Wedding, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

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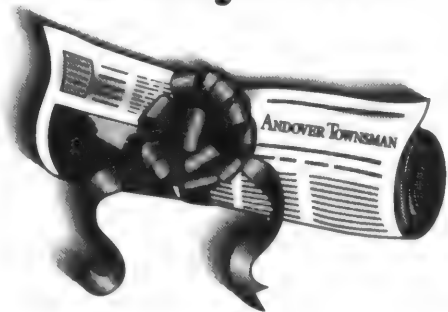
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Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Jim Colliton, John Joyce, Dave Greenberg, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Juston McKinney, Gerald Bennett, Mike Dorval, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Sunday, Dec. 23

No events planned.

Ongoing

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum: house contains period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with

19th-century farm and woodworking tools; Blacksmithing tools from the The Frederick P. Taft Collection ongoing; open Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday by appointment only, \$4 for house tour and/or research library; children, \$2; members free; 978-475-2236.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 chil-

dren, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, Stylish Hats: 200 Years of Sartorial Sculpture, through Dec. 30, an exhibition of more than 200 hats reflecting the changing notions of elegance from the late-1700s through the late-1900s. High-style creations showcase the talents of legendary milliners including Dior, Balmain, Balenciaga, Dache, Virot, and Felix. Free with general museum admission. \$1 off general museum admission for anyone wearing a stylish hat; ongoing Textiles in America exhibition, special exhibitions and events, function rooms, catering, museum store and Seasoned Chef Gazebo Cafe; activities in the new Textile Learning Center, open during museum hours, include weaving, spinning, special exhibit activities, books to read, games to play, and more; open to children 12 and under accompanied by an adult, free with general admission; museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible, free admission on Thursdays through Dec. 30 from 5 to 8 p.m., 491 Dutton St., Lowell; 978-

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New England Classical Singers will present a holiday concert, "Gloria" on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover, featuring choral works of Vivaldi, Poulenc, Praetorius, and Victoria.

"The Vivaldi Gloria is a huge favorite of audiences," said David Hodgkins, artistic director of NECS. "The melodies are exceptionally beautiful and the rhythmic variations make the piece continually interesting to hear and perform. The piece is very demanding on the singers, requiring great breath control for extended, memorable melodic phrases."

In addition to the Vivaldi Gloria, New England Classical Singers will perform French composer Francis Poulenc's *Quatre Motets pour le temps de Noël*, a set of four harmonically gorgeous pieces, and *Three Christmas Motets* by Michael Praetorius, including the well-known carol *Es ist ein Ros entsprungen*. "This is probably one of the best loved holiday songs ever. It is always nice to sing great music that is also popular music during the holiday season," commented

Hodgkins. Completing the program will be *Magnificat Secundi Toni* by 16th century Spanish composer Tomas Luis de Victoria.

Soloists Sarah Pelletier, soprano, and Pamela Dellal, mezzo-soprano, join NECS and chamber orchestra in this performance.

NECS has been preparing for the December concert every Wednesday night since September. In early November, the chorus held their semi-annual retreat, a half-day of intensive rehearsing and planning specifically for this upcoming event. Said Hodgkins, "Some recent changes and additions to the soprano section have given this chorus a beautiful pristine sound."

NECS is still searching for "a few good men," though. Tenors, in

particular, and basses are invited to audition for this select chorus on Jan. 5 and 12.

For tickets and more information, call 978-474-6090. Or check out the NECS Web site at www.newenglandclassical.org. Tickets, which can also be purchased at the Andover Bookstore, are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

New England Classical Singers is a 40-voice auditioned ensemble bringing performances to the Andover and Merrimack Valley area for more than 30 years. David Hodgkins, regarded by Boston critics as one of the premier conductors in the area, is director of music at the Commonwealth School in Boston and artistic director of Boston's Coro Allegro.

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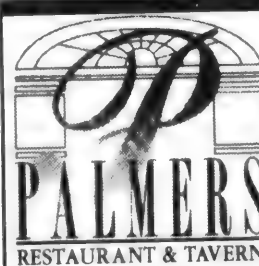
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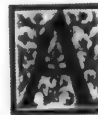
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Business

IN BRIEF

Brooks Pharmacy buys Osco

Maxi Drug Inc., owner of Brooks Pharmacy, announced earlier this month that it has acquired 80 of Albertson's Inc. Osco Drug stores throughout New England. The buyout will affect all Osco Drug stores located in Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. The sale, approximated at \$240 million, is expected to be finalized in January after government review.

For local consumers, this most likely will not involve much of a change. Karen Ramos, head of public relations for Osco Drug, says that in areas such as the Merrimack Valley that house both Brooks Pharmacies and Osco Drug stores, regulatory officials from Maxi Drug Inc. will conduct individual inventories on local stores to determine if it is financially sound to continue their operation. Currently there are Osco Drugs in North Andover, Methuen, Lawrence, and Salem, N.H.

Brooks Pharmacy is found in Andover's Shawsheen Plaza, Lawrence, and Salem. A possible issue might surface from the North Andover and Andover stores due to their locations being less than two miles apart, said Ramos. However, Ramos assures local consumers that they will not be affected by the buyout.

"Other than the name on the building, not much will change. It will be the same product, and the same people working there," she says.

The individual inventories will be completed by the end of January, according to Ramos. Once the decision is made to either keep a store open or close it down, the change will take place immediately the next day.

"This transaction represents a win-win opportunity for everyone involved," says Kevin Tripp, Albertson's executive vice president for drug and general merchandise, through a press release.

— Kevin Holzapfel

Dentist completes course

Ian Barwick of Andover has completed the Continuum Level IV course of study at the Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education in Key Biscayne, Fla. Barwick participated in a week-long, interactive class designed for dentists desiring to restore worn and damaged teeth in such a way as to provide optimal health, function, comfort and esthetic results.

Barwick graduated from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1979, and practices family dentistry in Dracut. He is a member of the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, the Merrimack Valley District Dental Society, and a past president of the Greater Lowell Dental Society.



Ian Barwick

Joanne Martel presented with public-health nurse award

The Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA) at its 34th annual education conference presented its first annual Public Health Nursing Award to Joanne Martel. This award is given to an MHOA member who has demonstrated exceptional dedication in carrying out the public health mandates of a local municipal agency.

Martel is the public health nurse and assistant health director in Andover. She resides in Westford. She was recently elected to the 2002 MHOA Executive Board and has coordinated the nursing section for the MHOA educational conference for the last two years.

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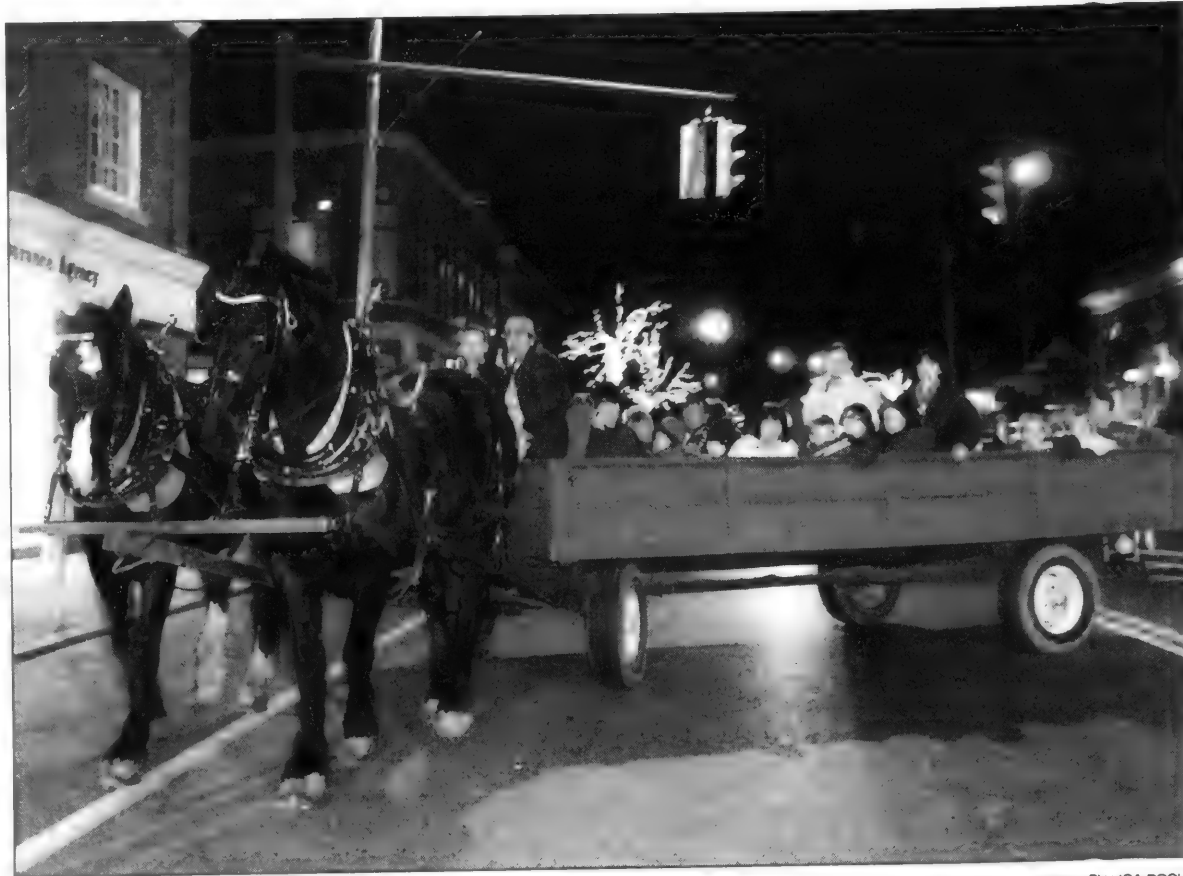


PHOTO BY LISA POOLE

A crowd of people take a hay ride during the Holiday Open House in downtown Andover last Friday evening. In the photo on page 1, Caroline Buck, 14 months, and her father Bill Buck, of Andover, are enjoying themselves at the Holiday Open House.

A family affair

Daughter to join mom at 52-year-old Taylor Shop clothing store

By Kevin Holzapfel

Walk by 25 Barnard St. in downtown Andover and you might not realize you have just walked by one of the town's family-owned institutions.

The Taylor Shop, owned by Sy and Millie Vogel, has provided area women with chic fashions for more than 50 years. Now, what started as a small family business has just become a larger family business as the Vogel's daughter Nancy has joined her mother in managing the everyday operations of the store. Sy has since retired.

Maintaining she is not retiring, Millie Vogel plans to show her daughter the ropes for when that time does come.

In the meantime, she will continue to serve her customers the same way she did back in 1949, when the Taylor Shop first opened in Lawrence.

"I need to keep working to retain my sanity," Vogel jokes. "But when I do (retire) I'll have plenty of time for bungee jumping."

Nancy joins the Taylor Shop after spending the last 15 years working as a management consultant. After numerous trips around the world and millions of frequent flier miles, the rigors of

such work did not hold the same appeal, especially after the Sept. 11 attacks, she says. She also had worked in the family store for nine years after graduating from college.

"I was traveling around the world six days a week. I didn't want to travel anymore. I was literally leaving Sunday morning and getting back Friday night," she says.

Nancy will not only take over the financial operations for her father, but she will do everything from backroom management to buying merchandise. Like her parents did before her, Nancy says she'll let no detail go unnoticed. In fact, it is their attention to detail that the Vogels believe has allowed them to stay competitive with larger chain stores.

"We know our customers," Nancy says. "People will come in and ask 'what do you have for me?' and we can show them. We can anticipate their needs and wants."

Millie agrees. When asked what her fondest memory of the Taylor Shop is, she simply replies "the people."

"We meet a great many wonderful people. It's the personal business."

She even stays in touch with many

of her customers who have moved away from the area. She says recently received a correspondence from a former customer who now lives outside of Cleveland.

The Taylor Shop actually started in Williamsport, Pa. before making its way to the Merrimack Valley. After 19 years in Lawrence, the Vogels expanded their business to Main Street in Andover in 1968. The store remained there until 1983 when the bank wanted to tear down the property and put up the building that today houses Nazarian's Jewelers and other stores. A short move back to Lawrence was made before the Taylor Shop returned to Andover at its current location on Barnard Street in 1991.

To be in business for more than 50 years says something about the people running it. The Taylor Shop has gone through wars, economic prosperity, and recession — and someday it will continue, with Nancy Vogel at the helm.

While the economy is not at its best right now, Millie says that business is still good.

"It has slowed down a bit, but we have a good cushion," she says.

About a 52-year-old one.

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Sports

AHS Previews

Girls hockey team debuts; track moves indoors

By Rick Harrison

The Townsman today continues previews of 2001-'02 Andover High winter sports teams with looks at the girls indoor track, boys indoor track and new girls ice hockey squad.

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High girls indoor track team has not lost a Merrimack Valley Conference dual meet the past two years, winning the Division 1 title outright last season with a 7-0 record and sharing the championship with Chelmsford in 1999-00, when both finished the regular season at 6-0-1 and battled to a 43-43 tie in their showdown.

The Lady Warriors, also 19-3-1 over the last three years, may have a tougher time winning a third straight MVC crown (and eighth overall) after graduating several outstanding individual athletes.

Gone are versatile Sheena Patel, shot putters Ogechi Ibe and Robin Young, hurdler Stephanie Pierce, miler/high jumper Emily Pfeil, distance runners Caitlin Woo and Melissa Yee and sprinter Jen Annese.

Patel, Ibe, Pierce and Pfeil were consistent first-place finishers, with Pfeil doubling up several times for victories in both the mile and high jump.

All were instrumental in sparking Andover to the team title in the State Class B Relays, and a fourth-place finish (only six points behind surprise winner Central Catholic) in the State Class B Meet.

"Once again we have strength in numbers with 115 girls on the team," said head coach Art Iworsley, who begins his 25th season with the Lady Warriors.

"There are a lot of promising underclassmen — and we're running more dual meets this year (11) with one scheduled every Wednesday afternoon beginning this week and continuing throughout the season."

Andover will host all but one of those meets at the AHS Field House, with the lone "away" dual only two miles across town at non-league rival Phillips Academy.

The MVC opener was yesterday against perennial power Chelmsford, and the locals return to the oval next Wednesday when Lowell comes to town (3:30 p.m.).

"Opening with Chelmsford is tough," said Iworsley. "The past 10 years our two teams have dominated Division 1 of the league — with one of us winning the title each year."

It also seems over that span the meet between these two has come down to the final mile relay every year.

"It's been a one-, two- or three-point meet every year," said Iworsley,

whose Lady Warriors broke that pattern last winter with a slightly more comfortable 47-39 win.

Andover also had close victories over Haverhill and Lowell to preserve the perfect 7-0 record.

Iworsley expects Chelmsford, Lowell, Haverhill and Tewksbury will provide sturdy tests for the Lady Warriors this season.

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Andover has depth in the 50- and 300-yard sprints, where the event roster includes senior Joan Moffitt, juniors Carolyn Berberian, Alyson Shannon, Laura Denison and Amanda Buchholz, sophomore Charlene Fielding and freshmen Jenny Dlesk, Cara Sullo and Emily Griswold.

Top hurdlers are senior Capt. Katie Gustin, senior Chrissy Vanderheiden, senior Caitlin Murphy, freshman Meghan Keefe and freshman Reena Patel (Sheena's sister).

Expected to compete in the 600 run are senior Capt. Natasha Camilo, junior Stephanie Casper, sophomore Emily Farmer and freshman Emily Korba.

The locals have some solid middle-distance runners in the 1000 including senior Capt. Lindsay Durkin, juniors Emily Pearson, Bristol Konjoian, Kristen Araujo, Amy Palmieri, twins Demore and Dianna Crawford (stand-out lacrosse players) and freshman Leslie Willey.

Leading the way in the mile and two-mile are juniors Lauren Woo, Cory Hanson and Julia Kwolyk, along with sophomore Meghan Lewis and freshman Melissa Foley.

Shot putters include senior Capt. Betsy Miller, juniors Vicki Britton and Erica Durie and freshman Kendall Toland.

Sprinter Fielding is also a leading high jumper, along with senior Allyson Fortier, junior Becca Fink and sophomore Melissa Parry.

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Returning as assistant coaches are Peter Comeau (hurdlers), George Sullivan (shot putters), Brenda Clark-Warne (middle-distance runners) and Todd Collins (high jumpers, distance runners). Iworsley works mainly with the sprinters.

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High boys track team last put together a winning dual-meet season in 1995-'96 when it posted a 5-4 record.

Since then there has been a five-year drought that has seen the Golden Warriors boast some outstanding individual talent while recording a 13-25 record.

Art Iworsley, who begins his 13th season as boys indoor head coach, would love to see things turn around this winter.

It won't be easy, however, as AHS graduated several outstanding per-



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Lady Warriors begin to celebrate after Adrienne Shea scores the first goal for Andover High's first-ever girls ice hockey team.

formers from last year's 2-5 squad which also finished fourth in the State Class B Relays.

Tim Galebach, the most highly-decorated long distance runner in school history, is gone along with distance runner Brendan Ahern, hurdler Kyle Miller, sprinter Shawn Gaines, shot putter Andy Gallagher, middle-distance runner Shahriar Ghandchi, Jon Gardner and John Keaton.

Although he missed his senior year with a knee injury, middle-distance runner/hurdler/high jumper Alex Champion was a key performer two years ago.

The 2001-'02 season opener was yesterday against perennial power Chelmsford, and the locals return to the oval next Wednesday when Lowell comes to town (3:30 p.m.).

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Like the AHS girls, the boys also attracted a turnout of 115 candidates which brought the total for the entire program to a whopping 230.

The locals appear very strong in the 50- and 300-yard sprints, led by senior Capt. Bruce Brown, Jason Crabb and Mike Donahue.

Brown, fresh off a fine season as a two-way back on the football team, scored in the long jump and reached the semifinals in the 50 dash at the All-State Indoor Meet last winter.

In the spring he won the 200-meter dash in both the Eastern Mass. Class B and All-State Meets, before finishing a close second at the New England Championships.

Senior first-year speedster A.J. Sisodia looked very good in pre-season practice and a tri-scrimmage against Lexington and North Reading

last week.

Other sprinters are senior Allen Clark, senior Chris Callison and sophomore Anthony Perry.

Sophomores Vin Errico, Mike Kichorowsky and Alex Navarro are the top hurdlers.

Leading the way in the 600 are junior Taylor Hender, seniors Frank Yang and Matt Nitzberg, sophomore Ryan D'Angelo and freshman Matt Malloy.

Other middle-distance runners who will compete in the 1000 are juniors Dan Calderon and Andy Pfeil, sophomore Jeff Sawyer and freshman Sasha Seletsky.

Running the mile and two-mile are sophomore Ryan Durkin, senior Sam Nigh, juniors Phil Shaw and Jeff Bagley and freshmen Jim Muller and John Fox.

Shaw was the top AHS cross country runner this fall but missed the end of the season with an injury.

Crabb is also a high jumper, along with Hugh Zhang and Evan Greenspan.

Senior football players Brian Durie, Alex Gostanian, Capt. Andy Voorhees and first-year trackman Marc Barnaby will throw the shot.

Iworsley expects Lowell, Methuen and Central Catholic to be strong in the MVC boys division this season.

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Returning as assistant coaches are Peter Comeau (hurdlers), George Sullivan (shot putters), Brenda Clark-Warne (middle-distance runners) and Todd Collins (high jumpers, distance runners). Iworsley concentrates on the sprinters.

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

They are the new kids on the block — but Andover High's first-ever girls ice hockey team hopes to get established quickly.

The Lady Warriors, who are playing an independent schedule against several veteran and several neophyte programs, already have a win under their belt (see AHS Roundup) as they defeated Chelmsford 5-1 last weekend at their home Phillips Academy rink.

"Although the team is new, we have a lot of playing experience on our first three lines," said head coach Bill McCarthy. "Many of the girls have played in the Andover youth hockey system, either on coed teams or with other girls, anywhere from three to seven years."

"We also have three solid sets of defensemen and 18 of the 23 girls on the roster are underclassmen."

Next year McCarthy hopes the AHS team has full varsity status and is playing in the North Cape Conference of the Eastern Mass. Girls League with current members Billerica, Wilmington, Masconomet Regional, Marblehead, Gloucester and Cambridge Rindge & Latin.

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Sophomore left wing Adrienne Shea, a member of Andover's color-designated Teal Line, led four players into the scoring column against Chelmsford with two goals and one assist.

She is paired with junior right wing Katie Stewart and junior center Grace Farnham.

Farnham, whose father and uncles

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14 — at St. John's Prep, 7:30 (non-league)
17 — No. Cambridge Catholic, 7:30 p.m. (non-league)
22-29 — Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament (pairings depend on outcome of first-round games)

January

- 5 — at Brockton, 7 p.m. (non-league)
8 — at Tewksbury, 7:30 p.m.
11 — at Lowell, 7:30 p.m.
15 — Dracut, 7:30 p.m.
18 — Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.
20 — Newton North, 7:30 p.m. (non-league)
22 — at Chelmsford, 7:30 p.m.
25 — at Methuen, 7:30 p.m.
30 — at Malden Catholic, 7:30 p.m. (non-league)

February

- 2 — Central Catholic, 5 p.m.
6 — Malden Catholic, 7:30 p.m. (non-league)
8 — Lowell, 7:30 p.m.
12 — at Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.
15 — Methuen, 7:30 p.m.
17 — at Lawrence, 7:30 p.m.
19 — at Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Record Last Year: 14-8.
Head Coach: Dave Fazio (13th year, career record: 188-81).
Assistant Coach: Bob Hatem.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

(Home Games at Dunn Gym)
December

- 11 — at Billerica, 7:30 p.m.
14 — at Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
18 — Lawrence, 7:30 p.m.
28 — Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament, semifinal vs. Methuen (6 p.m., at Salem, N.H. High)
30 — Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament, championship and consolation games, (6 and 8 p.m., at Salem, N.H. High)

January

- 2 — Walpole, 7 p.m. (non-league)
8 — Tewksbury, 7:30 p.m.
12 — Lowell, 7:30 p.m.
15 — at Dracut, 7:30 p.m.
18 — at Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.
22 — Chelmsford, 7:30 p.m.
25 — Methuen, 7:30 p.m.
27 — at Walpole, 1:30 p.m. (non-league)
29 — at NDA-Tyngsboro, 7:30 p.m.

February

- 1 — Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
8 — at Lowell, 7:30 p.m.
12 — Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.
15 — at Methuen, 7:30 p.m.
16 — at MediaOne Tournament, semifinal vs. Stoughton (time TBA, at Boston College High)
17 — at MediaOne Tournament, championship and consolation games (times TBA, at Boston College High)
Record Last Year: 21-3, MVC Division 1 champ & Division 1 North Tournament finalist.
Head Coach: Jim Tidsley (7th year, career record: 118-20).
Assistant Coaches: Susan Rogers, Dick Muller.

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

(Home Games at Merrimack Valley Forum)
December

- 12 — Lowell, 6 p.m.
15 — at Boston Latin, 1:30 p.m. (Matthews Arena)
19 — Haverhill, 6 p.m.
26 — at Haverhill Christmas Tournament, semifinal vs. Masconomet Regional, 7 p.m. (Haverhill High)
28 — at Haverhill Christmas Tournament vs. Danvers, 7 p.m. (Haverhill High)

January

- 2 — Westford Academy, 6 p.m.
5 — at Lincoln-Sudbury, 4:20 p.m. (Assabet Valley Arena)
9 — at Central Catholic, 8:15 p.m. (Salem, N.H. ICenter)
12 — at Methuen, 4:30 p.m. (Methuen High)
16 — Billerica, 6 p.m.
19 — Boston Latin, 1 p.m.

- 23 — Tewksbury, 6 p.m.
26 — at Haverhill, 3 p.m. (Haverhill High)
30 — at Westford Academy, 5:50 p.m. (Tyngsboro Skate 3 Pavilion)

February

- 2 — Lincoln-Sudbury, 1 p.m.
6 — at Chelmsford, 7:30 p.m. (Chelmsford Forum)
9 — at Dracut, 6 p.m. (Janas Rink, Lowell)
16 — Methuen, 12:50 p.m.
18 — at Newburyport Bank Classic, semifinal vs. Danvers, 2 p.m. (Graf Rink)
21 — at Newburyport Bank Classic vs. No. Reading, 6 p.m. (Graf Rink)
Record Last Year: 12-6-3.
Head Coach: Bill Cullen (11th year, career record: 96-83-25).
Assistant Coaches: Bill Blackwell, Ralph Quaglietta.

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

(Home Meets at AHS Field House)
December

- 12 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
19 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
22 — at MIAA Winter Festival, 8:30 a.m. (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
26 — Tewksbury, 10 a.m.

January

- 2 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
9 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
16 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
20 — State Class A Relays, 2 p.m. (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
23 — Dracut & NDA-Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
26 — at Phillips Academy, 2 p.m.
30 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

February

- 2 — at Girls State Coaches Invitational, 9:30 a.m. (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
6 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
9 — at MVC Girls Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 8:30 a.m. (Methuen High Field House)
11 — at MVC Championship Meet, 9:30 a.m. (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
16 — at State Class A Meet, time TBA (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
23 — at All-State Meet, time TBA (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
26-27 — at State Pentathlon, time TBA (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)

March

- 2 — at New England Championship Meet, time TBA (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
Record Last Year: 7-0, MVC Division 1 champ, State Class B Relay champ; 4th Eastern Mass. Class B Meet.
Head Coach: Art Iworsley (25th year).
Assistant Coaches: Peter Comeau, George Sullivan, Brenda Clark-Warne, Todd Collins.

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

(Home Meets at AHS Field House)
December

- 12 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
19 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
22 — at MIAA Winter Festival, 8:30 a.m. (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
26 — Tewksbury, 10 a.m.

January

- 2 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
9 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
16 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
20 — State Class A Relays, 2 p.m. (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
23 — Dracut & NDA-Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
26 — at Phillips Academy, 2 p.m.
30 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

February

- 3 — at Boys State Coaches Invitational, 9:30 a.m. (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
6 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
8 — MVC Boys Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 3:30 p.m.
11 — at MVC Championship Meet, 9:30 a.m. (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
16 — at State Class A Meet, time TBA (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
23 — at All-State Meet, time TBA (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
26-27 — at State Pentathlon, time TBA (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)

March

- 2 — at New England Championship Meet, time TBA (at Reggie Lewis Track Center)
Record Last Year: 2-4, 4th State Class B Relays.
Head Coach: Art Iworsley (13th year).
Assistant Coaches: Peter Comeau, George Sullivan, Brenda Clark-Warne, Todd Collins.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

(Home Meets at Dunn Gym)
December

- 26 — Lowell, 7 p.m.

January

- 3 — at Dracut, 7 p.m.
16 — Tewksbury, 7 p.m.
22 — at Billerica, 7 p.m.
30 — Methuen, 7 p.m.

February

- 4 — at Chelmsford, 7 p.m.
5 — Shrewsbury, 5 p.m. (non-league)
9 — MVC Championship Meet, time TBA
Record Last Year: 9-0, MVC champion; North Sectional champion; 3rd All-State Meet.
Head Coach: Julie Chapman (12th year).

BOYS GYMNASTICS

(Home Meets at Dunn Gym)
January

- 8 — at Salem, N.H., 4 p.m. (non-league)
15 — at Burlington, 7 p.m.
18 — at Newton North, 6 p.m.
24 — Newton South, 7 p.m.
26 — at Salem, N.H. Invitational, 10 a.m.
28 — Braintree, 7 p.m.

February

- 1 — at Attleboro, 7 p.m.
4 — Salem, N.H., 6:30 p.m. (non-league)
7 — Revere & Lowell, 6:30 p.m.
11 — at State Coaches Invitational Meet, 7 p.m. (at Newton South)
15 — at State Championship Meet, 7 p.m. (site TBA)
Record Last Year: 2-6.
Head Coach: Jack Gleason (37th year).

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

(Home Meets at Gr. Lawrence Vo-Tech)
December

- 14 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
18 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
21 — Nashua, N.H., 3:30 p.m.
27-28 — at Winter Carnival Relays, time & site TBA

January

- 4 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
8 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
11 — Nashua, N.H., 3:30 p.m.
15 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
18 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
25 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
29 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

February

- 8 — at MVC Championship Meet, 3:30 p.m. (Haverhill High pool)
Record Last Year: 6-2, MVC runner-up.
Head Coach: Mark Taffe (5th year).
Assistant Coach: Tom Begin.

GIRLS SKIING

(Home Meets at Bradford Hill)
January

- 8 — Methuen & North Andover, 3:30 p.m.
10 — Haverhill & Bishop Fenwick, 3:30 p.m.
15 — Masconomet Regional, 3:30 p.m.
28 — Methuen & North Andover, 3:30 p.m.
30 — Haverhill & Bishop Fenwick, 3:30 p.m.

February

- 5 — Masconomet Regional, 3:30 p.m.
12 — Interscholastic Championship, 3:30 p.m.
27 — All-State Championship Meet, 10 a.m. (at Berkshire East Ski Area, Charlton).
Record Last Year: 8-2, North Shore League co-champ, 5th at State Team Championship Meet.
Head Coach: Tom Busta (3rd year).

BOYS SKIING

(Home Meets at Bradford Hill)
January

- 9 — Haverhill & Bishop Fenwick, 3:30 p.m.
14 — Masconomet Regional & St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m.
16 — Methuen & Austin Prep, 3:30 p.m.
17 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m.
24 — Haverhill & Bishop Fenwick, 3:30 p.m.
29 — Masconomet Regional & St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m.

February

- 4 — Methuen & Austin Prep, 3:30 p.m.
6 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m.
12 — Interscholastic Championship, 3:30 p.m.
27 — All-State Championship Meet, 10 a.m. (at Berkshire East Ski Area, Charlton).
Record Last Year: 11-3, North Shore League runner-up, 5th at State Team Championship Meet.
Head Coach: Tom Busta (3rd year).

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

(Home Games at Phillips Academy)
December

- 7 — Chelmsford, W, 5-1
15 — Masconomet Regional, 5:30 p.m.
22 — Billerica, 5:30 p.m.
29 — Billerica, 5:30 p.m.

January

- 5 — at Chelmsford, 5:40 p.m.
9 — at Gloucester, 4:30 p.m.
12 — Wilmington, 7:30 p.m.
14 — at Masconomet Regional, 8:40 p.m.

February

- 2 — Billerica, time TBA
6 — at Mt. St. Joseph's, 8 p.m.
9 — Marblehead, 8 p.m.
12 — Wilmington, time TBA
Record This Year: 1-0.
Head Coach: William McCarthy (1st year).
Assistant Coach: Dana DiFiore.

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

December

- 11 — at Billerica, 4:45 p.m.
14 — at Central Catholic, 4:45 p.m.
18 — Lawrence, 4:45 p.m.
20 — at Chelmsford, 4:45 p.m. (McCarthy Middle School)

January

- 8 — Tewksbury, 4:45 p.m.
11 — Lowell, 4:45 p.m.
15 — at Dracut, 4:45 p.m.
18 — at Haverhill, 4:45 p.m.
22 — Chelmsford, 4:45 p.m.
23 — at Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
25 — Methuen, 4:45 p.m.

February

- 1 — Central Catholic, 4:45 p.m.
5 — North Andover, 4:45 p.m. (non-league)
6 — Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
8 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Rogers School)
12 — Haverhill, 4:45 p.m.
15 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Chris Downer.

GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

December

- 11 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
14 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
18 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
20 — at Chelmsford, 4:45 p.m. (McCarthy School)

January

- 8 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
11 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
15 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
18 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
22 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
25 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.

February

- 1 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
5 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
8 — at Lowell, 4 p.m. (Lowell High)
12 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
15 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Stephanie Ragucci.

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AHS PREVIEWS

■ GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

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were all standout hockey players at AHS, knows something about goals as she scored 19 of them for the Merrimack Valley Conference champion field hockey team this past fall.

The Orange Line consists of sophomore center Ashley Malins, freshman left wing Jacqui Munro and junior right wing Katie Seero.

Seero's father Scott was also a fine hockey player at Andover and played with Bob Farnham.

Gold Liners are senior Rebecca Blinn, senior Heather Miller and freshman Kim Chandler.

Additional forwards include sophomore left wing Amanda Farnola, sophomore center Megan Finn and

freshman center Ana Maier.

Defensive pairings have sophomore Alison Abreu with Jackie Collins, freshman Sara Donelan with sophomore Varissa Montalbano, and junior Jess Leider with senior Tara Hancock.

Other blueliners are senior Courtney Gatlin, freshman Vanessa Lemieux (no relation to Mario) and freshman Elissa Slovin.

Goaltenders are sophomore Dolly Beechinor and senior Angelica Rotsart (who also played goal for the field hockey team).

Team captains are Seero, Collins and Hancock.

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"Technically we might be considered a junior varsity program until

next year," said McCarthy. "But we're playing other varsity teams and we're treating this as a varsity season."

McCarthy, who grew up in Medford and now lives in Stoneham, played his high school hockey at powerhouse Arlington Catholic, where he helped the Cougars to a state Division 1 title in 1977-78.

He prepped a year at Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn., and then played four years at West Point (Army) for coach Jack Riley.

He was a volunteer assistant coach at Tufts University, and before accepting his first head coaching job with the AHS girls he spent the last four years as the boys varsity assistant at Cape Ann League school Newburyport.

"I went for the Andover job

because it was a head coaching position and a challenge," said McCarthy.

The daily commute from Stoneham to Andover is also easier on the nerves than the one to Newburyport.

Dana DiFiore, 24-year-old former Andover High and Bentley College standout player, is McCarthy's assistant coach.

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In addition to the Chelmsford game, the Lady Warriors also held a controlled scrimmage against Austin Prep of Reading whose program is several years old.

"We set up different situations and blew the whistle when we wanted to go over certain things," said McCarthy. "Because we picked up the scrimmage on short notice we were

missing four key players who had previous commitments.

"We held our own with Austin in the early going and Adrienne Shea scored a shorthanded goal for us."

Ironically, one of Austin's top players — also one of the most prolific scorers in the state last year — is Kim MacElhaney from Andover.

"They have a couple of players who could skate for most boys teams around here," said McCarthy.

The Andover girls return to the ice this Saturday evening, hosting Masconomet Regional of Topsfield at PA (5:30 p.m.).

They also host Billerica the following Saturday (Dec. 22) at the same time and site.

AHS ROUNDUP

Winter season blasts off

By Rick Harrison

Sophomore guard Chris Vetrano and junior guard Jenny Muller were the catalysts as the Andover High varsity basketball teams launched their 2001-'02 seasons with Merrimack Valley Conference victories over Billerica on Tuesday night.

Vetrano poured through 34 points, hitting 8-of-8 free throws in the final two minutes, as the AHS boys slipped past visiting BMHS, 67-62, in a taut battle before a large crowd at the Dunn Gym.

There were no dramatics in the girls game, as Muller tossed in a game-high 18 points to go with eight assists and four steals in a 78-38 romp over the host Indians at the James Gym.

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The Andover High girls ice hockey team also slugged Chelmsford, 5-1, in its historic first-ever game before a large crowd at the Phillips Academy rink.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The opener against Billerica was over almost before it started, as the Lady Warriors scored the first 16 points of the game, led 26-5 midway through the

first half and took a prohibitive 48-19 advantage into the locker room at the break.

"We came out very intense and never let up," said Andover head coach Jim Tildsley. "Our zone press was very effective. We had a ton of steals and the players were very unselfish distributing the ball."

"I don't think we missed a shot in the first five or six minutes. It was 41-8 with four minutes left in the half and that's when we started to back off."

All 12 AHS players saw action and every one of them scored.

In addition to Jenny Muller, senior center and Capt. Megan Pinksten was in double figures with 10 points.

Capt. Shannon Sweeney, headed to Assumption College next year on a full athletic scholarship, tossed in eight points and produced four steals.

Sophomore forward Ashley McLaughlin, junior forward Samantha Hughes and sophomore guard Liz Pallotta pocketed seven points each. McLaughlin added four assists, five steals and Hughes had three steals.

Junior guard Merry Fish notched six points, four steals and two assists, and University of Michigan soccer recruit Katie Kramer produced four points, four assists and five steals.

Completing the assault were sophomore forward Meagan Merinder (four points), sophomore forward Matia Kostakis (three points, five rebounds, two steals), junior forward Kerrie Dargan (two points) and senior forward Kelly McLaughlin.

The game marked the varsity debut of Pallotta, Dargan and Kostakis.

"We were extremely happy with the overall effort," said Tildsley.

If there was a glitch, it came at the free throw line where the locals were only 15-for-29.

Erin Moseley led the offense for shell-shocked Billerica with 10 points, while Kim Price added nine and Shannon Burke six.

Schedule

It's never too early for a showdown, and the Lady Warriors have one tomorrow night when they travel to Lawrence to confront MVC Division 1 co-favorite Central Catholic (7:30 p.m.).

The Raiders handed Andover its lone conference loss last season, 54-53, and should be strong again this winter.

The home opener is next Tuesday night when Lawrence High comes to the Dunn Gym (7:30).

BOYS BASKETBALL

The lead seesawed throughout the opener against Billerica, with Andover inching ahead 31-30 at the half and continuing to trade hoops with the Indians after the break.

The Golden Warriors had a 57-55 edge with just over two minutes to play, and finally found a bit of breathing room when BMHS turned the ball over three straight times down the stretch.

Sniper Chris Vetrano was the major difference at the end, burying eight straight free throws after Billerica was forced to foul.

Capt. Vetrano finished the game 10-for-10 from the line and 10-for-14 from the floor, hitting four three-pointers along the way.

The 34 points were almost double what Vetrano averaged last year when he scored more than 400 points as a sharpshooting freshman.

BMHS outpointed Andover 24-15 at the foul line, but a decisive 10-2 edge in three-pointers powered AHS to the win.

Also in double digits for the locals were sophomore guard and Reading High transfer Jack Barrett, with 13 points, and senior forward Pat Stockwood

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Town Manager's Offices, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.; 978-623-8200.

Whistler House Museum of Art, *New Works of Tom Gill and Janet Lambert Moore*, through Dec. 29, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

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The Saltbox Gallery, fine arts and crafts by 17 artists from the North Shore, and *Small Masterpieces* through Jan. 7, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Peabody Essex Museum, The Real Witchcraft Papers, ongoing; The Saltonstall Family Portraits, ongoing; A Folk Art Sampler, ongoing; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass. 978-745-9500, <www.pem.org>.

Churchill Gallery, impressionist painter William J. Maloney, Monday-

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Arlington Center for the Arts, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ BOYS BASKETBALL

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with 11. Stockwood drained a trio of treys and Barrett had two.

Junior guard Kevin Barrett notched five points, while senior guard Chris Brouillard and Capt. Anthony Silva had a basket each.

Bryan Meuse was the top scorer for the

Indians with 20 points, and he also pulled down 10 defensive rebounds, while Dan MacKay netted 17 points and Ryan Danehy nine.

Schedule

Coach Dave Fazio's crew next steps out of conference play for two tough non-league games.

Andover treks to Danvers tomorrow night to face St. John's Prep (7:30 p.m.), which lost to Central Catholic 62-52 in its opener on Tuesday, and next Monday night the North Cambridge Catholic jackrabbits will be at the Dunn Gym (7 p.m.).

GIRLS HOCKEY

Sophomore left wing Adrienne Shea scored a pair of goals, and assisted on a third, as the fledgling Andover High girls hockey team beat Chelmsford 5-1 in its historic first-ever game before a large crowd at the Phillips Academy rink.

Schedule

The Andover girls return to the ice this Saturday evening, hosting Masconomet

Regional of Topsfield at PA (5:30 p.m.).

They also host Billerica the following Saturday (Dec. 22) at the same time and site.

Andover 5
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Shea took a pass from junior center Grace Farnham and connected with the first-ever AHS girls hockey goal at 6:57 of the opening period.

"We had the puck mounted on a plaque and presented it to Adrienne," said Lady Warriors' head coach Bill McCarthy.

It remained 1-0 until junior right wing and Capt. Katie Seero connected 50 seconds into the middle session with the assist to junior defenseman and Capt. Jackie Powers.

Shea made it 3-0 five minutes later with Farnham and junior right wing Katie

Stewart assisting.

After Chelmsford netted its lone goal late in the second period, Andover wrapped up the offense with third-period goals 42 seconds apart by sophomore center Ashley Malins (8:15) and Stewart (8:57).

Freshman left wing and Orange Line mate Jacqui Munro set up Malins, while Shea and sophomore defenseman Varissa Montalbano assisted on Stewart's tally.

Sophomore Dolly Beechinor played the entire game in net for the locals and finished with 22 saves.

"Our defense played extremely well," said McCarthy. "We didn't have a lot of time to prepare so we used basic breakouts and defensive zone coverages. There were a few letdowns but overall it worked out well."

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Men's Breakfast: The men's group will hold their monthly

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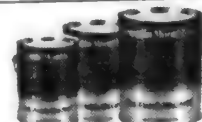
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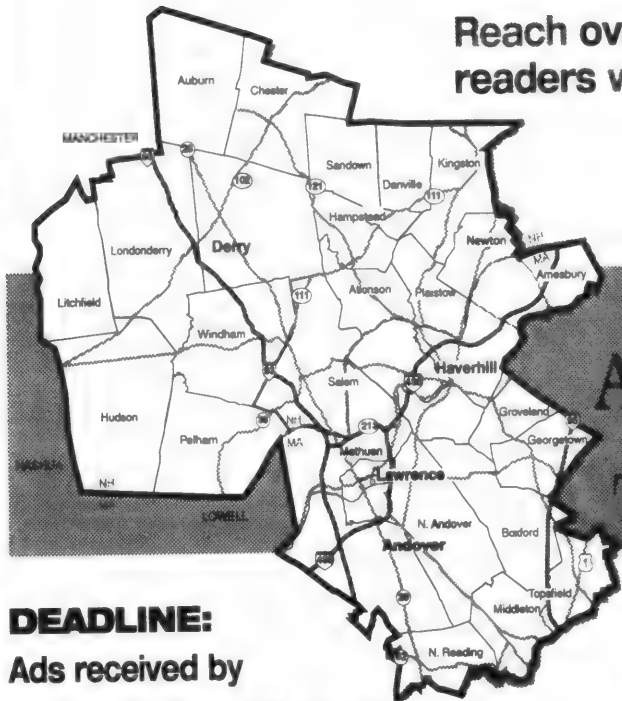
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May 7, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DELIA H. STROBEL of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

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Register of
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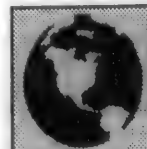
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Some holiday gift ideas for the procrastinator

By Sue Tabb

If you're like many people I know who wait until the last minute to do your holiday shopping – most happen to be male, but perhaps that's mere coincidence – the "last minute" is quickly approaching. With Christmas less than two weeks away, the scramble will soon begin to grab up items in an effort to please those special people on your list. With little time to window-shop, these Christmas Eve consumers may need a little assistance, especially if they want to keep their delicate timing a secret!

With the intention of aiding kindhearted dawdlers, we decided to ask some local merchants what they would suggest in terms of last-minute gift ideas. The following is what they came up with.

Aesthetics, Etc.
 1921 Main St.
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Gift certificates are available for as low as \$25; \$50 for a basic facial that includes a free \$10 enzyme (exfoliant); \$70 for a massage; or a day of beauty for about \$200, which includes a steam, a full body exfoliation, a spa body wrap, a facial, one-hour massage and breakfast or lunch. They also sell makeup and skin-care products.

According to owner Ann Marie Reilly, a lot of women buy massage gift certificates for men. Men also enjoy the "spa foot," which includes three exfoliations, soaking, massage, reflexology and having the feet wrapped and put into heated boots. "Your feet feel like a baby's when you walk out of here," says Ms. Reilly.

Aesthetics, Etc. is open Christmas Eve.

Andover Hockey Shop
 Shawsheen Square
 Andover

Popular this season are mini

hockey goals for younger children that include a net, two sticks and a ball for \$19.95; mini lacrosse goals that include a net, two sticks and a ball for \$54.95; and a little hockey board game for \$69.95.

According to employee Sandy Gravell, embroidered jackets are always a big hit. They are on sale for \$59.95 (with embroidery) for all sizes, including adults. You would have to place an order by one week before Christmas to have the jacket ready in time.

The Andover Hockey Shop is open Christmas Eve until 6 p.m.

Andover Photo
 27 Barnard St.
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Frames and photo albums are popular and make great gifts for anybody. Andover Photo also has gift baskets with different types of cameras and accessories. The baskets include the camera, case, film, coupons and sometimes small photo albums. They range in price depending on the type of camera. According to Manager Kevin Porter, you can get a basket with a "point-and-shoot" camera from \$140, some single lens reflex camera outfits that range from \$340 to \$475 and digital camera outfits that range from \$225 to \$699. The baskets are wrapped in cellophane with a ribbon or bow, so last-minute shoppers need not gift-wrap!

Andover Photo is open Christmas Eve.

Athlete's Corner
 8 Main St.
 Andover

Gift ideas include: the "Columbia triple accessory set," which has

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Local merchants have plenty to offer the last-minute shopper.

gloves, a scarf and a headband for \$37; neck warmers for \$8.50; Hot Chilis pants and tops (great for runners or skiers) that work moisture away from your body for \$53.99 each; a Sugoi vest, which is used as an outer layer for runners or skiers (unisex), for \$90; a variety of men's, women's and children's winter gloves from \$18 to \$24; and North Face winter gloves, which are waterproof and good for snowboarding (\$65).

Athletes Corner is open Christmas Eve until 6 p.m.

Auto Luxuries
 2111 Main St.
 Tewksbury

Owner Gail Boutiette says, "By far, the most popular item is the remote car starter – people run in on Christmas Eve and we give them a gift certificate and an empty box (from a starter that has already been installed); we suggest they put candy in it or something to weigh it down – it adds a little mystery and whimsy to the gift." Remote car starters range from \$166.66 and up (installed), depending on the vehicle. "A lot of people are buying cell phones – those are the two big ones for the Christmas season," adds Ms. Boutiette.

Auto Luxuries is open Christmas Eve.

Bagette
 46 Main St.
 Andover

"What I have that is a great stocking stuffer is an eyeglass case that looks like a handbag that costs just \$10," says owner Paula Shane. "Scarves and handbags are always good because there's no sizing involved. I also have what I think is one of the best things I've seen around – it looks like a vinegar bottle with a spout that contains kitchen soap that is \$15; I have

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sachets that are \$25 and \$30."

Bagette is open Christmas Eve until 5 p.m.

Eagle East Aviation

Lawrence Municipal Airport
North Andover

Gift certificates are available for an introductory flight lesson: a half-hour for \$45 (four-seater plane) or \$40 (two-seater plane). Scenic flights cost \$70 for a half-hour and \$130 for one hour (Plum Island, Portsmouth, Lowell and Lawrence areas).

Eagle East Aviation is open Christmas Eve until 7 p.m.

Flibbertigibbet

325 Main St.
North Reading

Ideas include: handmade candies – they make all of their own toffee, fudge, chocolates and various peppermint barks; chocolate houses that are hand-molded like gingerbread houses and start at \$30; a three-tier chocolate Christmas tree with a layer of peanut butter, a layer of fudge and a layer of caramel for \$10; basket sleighs filled with candy – the store will customize and wrap the sleigh with cellophane and add a bow or trinket; ornaments for the tree that are filled with truffles and have rings of berries around them for \$6 (smaller ones for \$3); and giant turtles filled with fudge and peanut butter for \$5 in a clear box.

Flibbertigibbet is open Christmas Eve.

Learning Express

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"Magz," a new magnetic construction toy, is popular this year. "It's a magnetic 3-D toy, and you are only limited by your imagination," says owner Chip Will. "It comes in two sizes – the small one

is \$15 and the larger one is \$35. Magic sets are selling really well, and anything from Lego is hot." For older girls, there is a paper doll set with 15-inch dolls that you actually make clothes for with the fabric provided for \$24. "We gift wrap – the person can be in and out in five minutes," says Mr. Will.

Open Christmas Eve until 5 p.m.

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Shawsheen Plaza
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Ideas include: touchscreen organizers that start at \$20; digital tire gauges that run from \$10 to \$20; digital wireless thermometers that you can mount anywhere on the outside of your home and get a readout indoors from \$30 up; digital voice recorders or memo recorders that start around \$79; an ultrasonic parking assistant that goes for \$29; and two-way personal radios from \$29 to \$80.

Radio Shack is open Christmas Eve.

Rapids

39 Main St.
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Rapids offers Icelandic-design sweaters for women from \$115 to \$190. According to employee Karen Sullivan, "They last forever, they're warm and they're great in a pinch." She also suggests as stocking stuffers Sigrid Olsen women's clothing, Patagonia long underwear, Windstopper hats and gloves that run between \$20 and \$50 and fleece socks, hats, mittens and scarves. "We have SmartWool socks that are \$10 to \$15; the soles are double-layered and they're beautifully warm and toasty socks – really wonderful," says Ms. Sullivan.

Rapids is open on Christmas Eve until 7 p.m. and will gift-wrap items.

Ripa Jewelers

63 Park St.
Andover

"Two days before Christmas, you rarely see a woman in the store," jokes owner Jake Ripa. "They (men) walk in and say, 'I have \$200 or \$500, what have you got?' That happens to us constantly." For a woman, he suggests diamond earrings or a pair of earring jackets to enhance a pair she already has. Earring jackets come with gems such as rubies, sapphires and diamonds and are basically a circle that the stud fits into to enhance or change the look of the earrings. You can purchase a plain gold pair for \$40 or a pearl pair for about \$120, but other gemstones would cost more. Another good wardrobe item is pearls; you can get anything from a \$29 strand of freshwater pearls to a \$1,000 strand of cultured pearls. For men, they carry items such as money clips, cuff links, 14k-gold bracelets and chains and fountain pens. "We do free gift-wrapping – it will look like they shopped two weeks before Christmas, rather than the night before!" says Mr. Ripa.

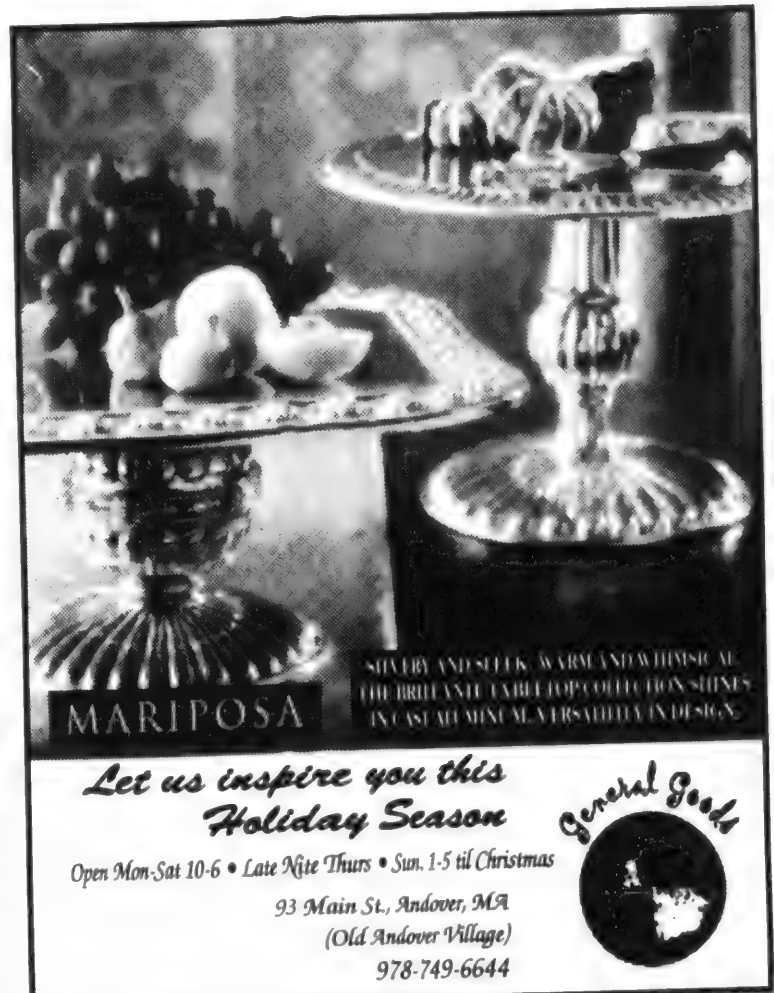
Ripa Jewelers is open Christmas Eve until 4 p.m.

Royal Jewelers

58 Main St.
Andover

"David Yurman, David Yurman – they all come through looking for it (the designer's jewelry collection)," says employee Nancy Soucy. "He has sterling silver cable jewelry accented with 14 karat gold and semiprecious stones – necklaces, bracelets, earrings. You can get anything from a pair of earrings starting as low as \$139 to items that are several

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thousand dollars." According to Ms. Soucy, Royal Jewelers has

the biggest collection of Yurman's work in the country. "He has a beautiful collection of watches that start at \$1,550 - they're going like hot cakes this

year," she says. David Yurman gifts for men include cuff links, belts, bracelets and rings.

Royal Jewelers is open Christmas Eve and will gift-wrap items.

The Andovers Gift Shop

4 Main St.

Andover

"For girls, I always recommend a simple sterling necklace with pendant - it's simple and classic and they go from \$14 up," says owner Debbie Lane. "Silver earrings are always a good gift and you don't have to worry about size. (There are) hand-knit Guatemalan gloves - they're oversized a bit so they're really warm and they're only \$8. Funky, fun socks are just \$4 and are a great stocking stuffer." She also suggests handmade pottery - prices range from \$20 to \$80 - because it's pretty but functional. "Hand-blown glass bulbs are beautiful; people collect them, but they might also hang them in a window

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The Andovers Gift Shop is open Christmas Eve until 4 p.m.

The Way to Balance

63 Park St.

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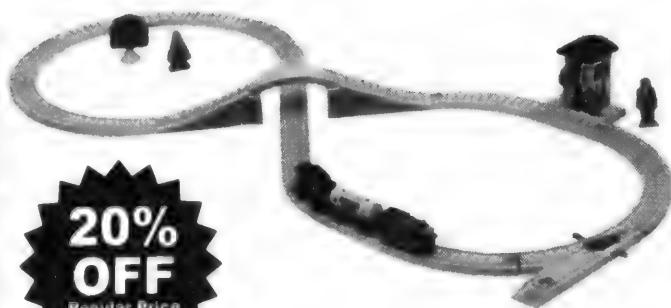
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Reminiscing with the creator of "Frosty the snowman"

(NAPSA) – Frosty the Snowman is one of America's most enduring holiday icons. The jolly, happy soul first made his debut in 1950 as the title character of Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins' now legendary song "Frosty the Snowman," sung by Gene Autry. The song became an instant hit and has since been recorded by such music industry greats as Bing Crosby, the Beach Boys, Willie Nelson and the Jackson 5, among others. Later that same year, Frosty was featured in Annie North Bedford's timeless children's book of the same name, which was based on the original

song. In 1969, Frosty finally appeared before television audiences in the animated classic "Frosty the Snowman" on CBS. And now, more than four decades since his creation, the excitement of Frosty continues. This year, the roly-poly snowman will be featured on an extensive new line of apparel, gifts and home furnishings available in certain stores.

"Frosty is, without question, the most famous character I've ever illustrated, and when people find out I drew him, they can't believe it. It touches them on a nostalgic level," says creator Paul Coker Jr.

Mr. Coker, 72, was working in New York as an illustrator at Mad Magazine when he was introduced to producer Arthur Rankin, half of Rankin/Bass, the partnership responsible for "Frosty the Snowman," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and other animated holiday classics. Mr. Coker explains how he came on board the project: "Arthur sent me the script, and the story was good. Although I'd heard the song, I'd never seen the book. So I came up with the concept of a jolly snowman and put a top hat on him with a little flower in the hatband, a corn cob pipe, coal eyes. I added a scarf and broom to give him human-like characteristics." Mr. Coker sent his concept drawings to Mr. Rankin and partner Jules Bass, who approved them immediately. "Frosty" quickly moved on to the storyboard phase and then to Japan, where the half-hour special was fully animated.

"Frosty the Snowman" hit the small screen on CBS in December 1969, featuring the voice talents of comedian Jackie Vernon as Frosty and character actor Billy DeWolfe as The Magician. Since its original broadcast, "Frosty the Snowman" has aired on the network every year, earning it the reputation as the second most watched holiday special in CBS history.

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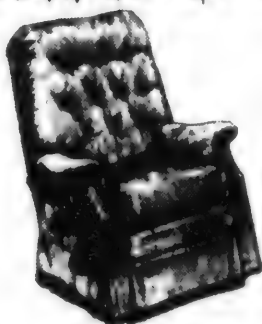


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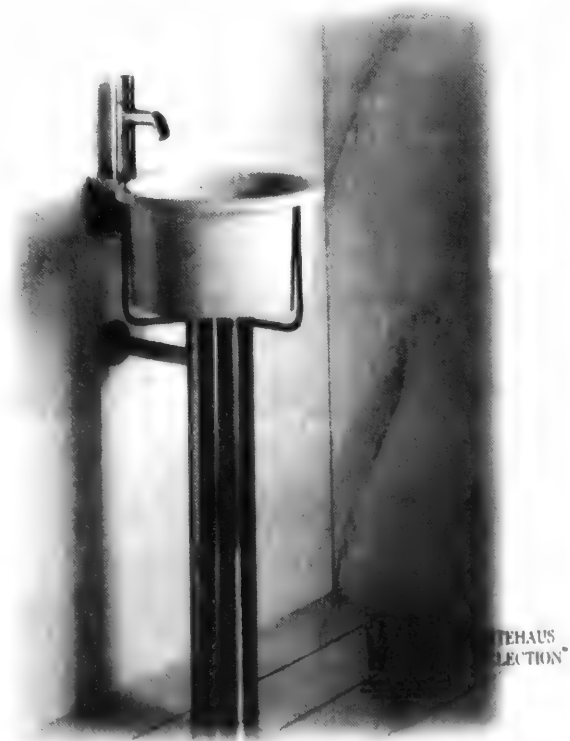


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Tips for surviving flu season

Taking good care of yourself and stocking a few items in your kitchen are all the ammunition you need to battle the cold and flu this season, according to the wellness staff of VNA Care Network, a nonprofit visiting nurse association serving eastern and central Massachusetts.

Cold and flu viruses spread easily through coughing, sneezing and direct contact. Staff from VNA Care Network's Wellness Division say you can avoid contracting these viruses by washing your hands frequently, asking others to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing, getting enough sleep, drinking plenty of fluids, considering taking a daily multivitamin and getting a flu shot.

If you feel a cold or flu coming on, VNA Care Network's Wellness Division recommends the following easy-to-find natural remedies for heading off the bug or getting rid of it faster.


Garlic boosts your immune system, increasing resistance to infection and stress. Consuming the fresh juice is the most effective way to get the benefits of garlic. If this isn't the most appealing option, try garlic capsules, which are available at many pharmacies and health food stores. Fresh ginger root induces sweating and decreases nausea and diarrhea. Make ginger tea by grating one ounce of fresh ginger in a pint of water: cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Add lemon and honey to taste.

Chicken soup and hot beverages increase the flow of nasal secretions, helping alleviate cold symptoms. Of course, the taste and wonderful aroma of chicken soup may be an important part of the beneficial effects.

Echinacea (purple coneflower) offers mild protection against colds and flu and seems to limit the duration and intensity of symptoms in those who do get sick. Echinacea is available at many health food stores as a tincture. You can also make tea using fresh echinacea leaves. Begin taking echinacea when you first feel the symptoms of a cold or flu and continue for a few days. Do not take this regularly for a longer period of time, since it seems to become less effective after eight weeks of continued use. Those with autoimmune disorders, such as lupus and multiple sclerosis, should not take echinacea because of its effects on the immune system.

Vitamin C intake should be increased during a cold or flu. Your body does not manufacture vitamin C, so you need to get it through food or a vitamin supplement.

If cold or flu symptoms continue beyond a week or are accompanied by a high fever, persistent cough, swollen glands or greenish nasal secretions, it could signify a more serious problem. Contact your health-care provider for an evaluation.



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Drink and be merry with holiday libations

By Jennifer Mastrolanni
Copley News Service

Food is often the focus of holiday gatherings. But, don't dismiss the dazzle factor of drinks. Hot or cold, for grown-ups or children, with or without alcohol, specialty drinks can add sparkle to a festive occasion.

With purchased syrup and club soda, you can treat your little guests to something special.

"Kids love the Italian sodas," says Gina Boring, owner of Bella Dolci Bakery & Eatery in North Canton, Ohio. "We make them with Torani syrup." The syrups are available in a multitude of flavors.

"You take two shots of syrup - anything, strawberry, cherry, raspberry, vanilla, orange, whatever - and pour two shots over ice cubes in a 16-ounce glass," Ms. Boring says. "You fill it with club soda and that's it. It's just like a flavored carbonated drink."

To make an Italian cream soda, pour two shots of half-and-half, then the syrup and soda. Top with whipped cream.

"Mandarin orange is excellent with the half-and-half. It tastes just like a Creamsicle," Ms. Boring says. "Torani has all kinds of flavors. A lot of them would be good in coffee, like hazelnut."

Coffee drinks are always a hit, says Ed Meeks, co-owner of Latte-Da in Perry Township.

"We make a peppermint patty that would be great for guests,"

Mr. Meeks says. "It's made with espresso, Ghirardelli chocolate syrup, peppermint syrup, steamed milk, and topped off with whipped cream and a peppermint candy cane."

If you have an espresso machine, mix two ounces of espresso with six ounces of steamed milk. Add one ounce of melted Ghirardelli chocolate (or Hershey's syrup), one ounce of peppermint syrup and top with condiments. If you don't have an espresso machine, don't worry.

"Just use half coffee and half milk," Mr. Meeks says. "But steamed milk is essential."

To make the peppermint drink on the stove, simply heat milk between 140 and 160 degrees. "It helps to use a candy thermometer," Mr. Meeks says. "Anything over 160 starts to burn milk."

The key to great coffee, Mr. Meeks adds, is great beans.

"We sell beans whole or ground for coffee-makers and it is roasted weekly," he says.

TGI Friday's Candy Cane

1 ounce white creme de cacao
1 ounce peppermint schnapps
1 ounce half-and-half
2 scoops vanilla ice cream
1/2 scoop crushed ice
Grenadine
(yields one serving)

Combine ingredients in blender. Blend until smooth. In tall glass, swirl glass with grenadine from bottom to top; quickly add drink, to freeze grenadine

against side of glass. Top with whipped cream and candy cane, if desired.

Nonalcoholic version: Blend five to six drops peppermint extract, 1/2 cup milk and 1 cup vanilla ice cream. Prepare glass as described above. Pour ingredients into glass. Top with whipped cream and candy cane.

Zesty Hot Cocoa

2 quarts milk
1 cinnamon stick
2 strips of orange zest
1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted
3/4 cup sugar
2 cups heavy cream
1/2 pound bittersweet chocolate, chopped
(yields 10 servings)

In large saucepan, combine milk, cinnamon stick and orange zest and cook over moderately high heat until bubbles appear around edge. Remove from heat, cover and let steep for at least 30 minutes and up to two hours. Remove and discard cinnamon stick and orange zest. Whisk cocoa and sugar into milk until thoroughly blended. Add cream and bittersweet chocolate and cook over moderate heat, whisking constantly, until cocoa is smooth. Serve piping hot.

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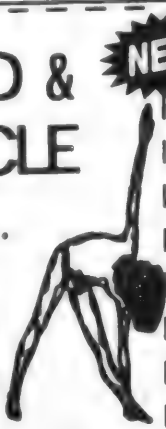


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Ornaments add a fun, homemade touch to tree

By Chandra Orr
Copley News Service

Christmas may be the one time of the year that you feel compelled to get crafty.

Home-baked cookies, do-it-yourself decorating and personal touches on packages are the starting points, but when you really want to get into the spirit of the season, light a fire, make some hot cocoa, put on a CD of Christmas carols and get creative with these easy-to-make ornaments that even kids can do.

All of these ornaments can be displayed together. The designs coordinate with each other, and if done in a cohesive color scheme, they will create an interesting, richly textured, whimsical tree. Or, use just one technique to spruce up an existing ornament collection.

Shine on

Personalize store-bought ball ornaments, available in sets of 12, in a range of colors, with the following easy and effective techniques.

Select the colors and designs you want to use. Use various sized balls of every color for a festive, funky tree, or stick with two or three colors for a more traditional look.

Use ordinary fingernail polish to add glittery swirls, silky stripes or sparkling snowy caps to the glass balls, suggests "Simply Handmade: 175 Easy Gifts and Decorations You Can Make," by Better Homes and Gardens, a magazine collection of projects from the "Simply Handmade" book.

Try traditional red and green stripes, swirls of celestial silver, gold and blue or dots of white glitter polish for a snowy look.

"Use the brush included with the fingernail polish to paint the ornament," advises "Simply Handmade." "The polish may pull off some of the original color of the ornament. This will create an interesting look, revealing the silver beneath. Cover the entire ornament with fingernail polish strokes, or simply add random designs."

For added effect, glue sequins or small gems over the painted areas of the ornaments, suggests "Simply Handmade."

Painting with fingernail polish results in large, bold strokes of shimmering color. For more precise designs, use permanent metallic markers, available at craft stores.

Use silver and gold markers, or any other color combination, to add swirls, squiggles or stripes to colored or clear ball ornaments, suggests "Simply Handmade."

For a truly original ornament, combine both techniques. On a ruby red ornament, edge stripes with gold marker and fill with silver glitter nail polish. Or, try bold blue polka dots outlined in gold on a silver ball.

These tricks aren't time-consuming or complicated, but the end results look like a million bucks. Hang your one-of-a-kind works of art with color-coordinated ribbon. Slip small sprigs of greens in the ornament top for a finished look.

A touch of texture

Ball ornaments are a simple, classic way to dress a tree. These textured ball ornaments add a special depth and interest to a tree that shiny, smooth balls alone can't create.

Foam spheres coated in small items such as beans, rice, popcorn kernels, pasta or sunflower seeds can be painted to match or emphasize any color scheme.

To create these ornaments, select Styrofoam spheres, available at craft supply stores, in a range of sizes. Select the type of texture you want: Unpopped popcorn creates a chunky, bumpy surface, while sunflower seeds create a coarser coat. "To cover a ball in small items, fill a paper plate with rice, beans or seeds," states "Simply Handmade." "Using a craft stick, coat one section of the foam ball at a time with a generous amount of glue. Roll the coated ball in the plate or use your fingers to place the items on the foam ball."

Cover the entire ball in small items and let it dry. Use acrylic paint to decorate the finished product, being sure to work the paint into the crevices. To add metallic highlights, put a small amount of gold or silver paint on

your fingertip and gently rub the color over raised areas, states "Simply Handmade."

When the paint is dry, wrap gold ribbon around the ball a few times and use the ribbon ends to hang the ornament. String beads or jingle bells on the ribbon for added embellishment.

Spice it up

Accent a visually appealing tree with the spicy scent of cinnamon cookie cutter ornaments you don't have to bake.

In a mixing bowl, combine a cup of smooth applesauce, one and a half cups of ground cinnamon and 1/3 cup of white craft glue, states Family.com, a Web site devoted to projects for kids and adults. Form the mixture into a ball and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Sprinkle cinnamon on a cutting board or wax paper. Dust a rolling pin with cinnamon and roll out the dough to 1/2-inch thickness.

Use cookie cutters or a knife to create decorative shapes such as stars, Christmas trees, stockings or reindeer. For a more personalized ornament, trace around your hand to create a life-size mitten or glove, suggests Family.com.

Use a drinking straw or pencil to add a hole to the top of each shape. Let the ornaments air dry. "Spice up holiday gifts with (these) whimsical cutouts that double as fragrant (but nonedible) tree ornaments," states Family.com. "String several ornaments together with twine and beads for a sweet-smelling holiday garland."

A classic, sensually intriguing Christmas tree needn't be difficult. These simple techniques satisfy creative, crafty urges, without being time-consuming or complicated.

When you're finished, you will have a handmade tree that looks good, smells great and reflects you and your family's true personality.

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Decorating on a budget

(NAPSA) – Deck the halls this holiday season – and don't let a tight holiday decorating budget turn you into a Scrooge. It can be easy and affordable to decorate a lot, without spending a lot. Heeding the following hints from the experts may help you save money and have some holiday fun.

- Decorate your own wreath – Craft wreaths come in many varieties, from realistic looking PVC to willow. Buy a holiday floral bush and cut the head off (they're all individually wired) and fasten them to the wreath. Add some baby's breath as snow and you have a beautiful wreath.

- Drape a garland – To easily bring a festive look to a room,

draped a garland over doors and windows. Make a centerpiece from candles. Combine several pillar candles of various heights on a ceramic or other nonflammable dish; surround with inexpensive pine garland stems to hide the dish. Add some glitter or snow.

- A mini tree – 1 to 3 feet tall – can add a holiday touch to your desktop or table. Decorate your own or buy an inexpensive, pre-decorated tree. After the holidays, just place in a plastic bag for storage – no need to undecorate. If you're tired of stringing Christmas lights on your full-size tree, buy a prelit artificial tree.

- Shop smart – You can find

many holiday decorations at prices lower than wholesale at popular closeout retailers. Among the largest seasonal retailers in the country, these stores have a huge selection of fall and holiday decorating items, decorative pieces you won't find elsewhere. Due to their buying power and sources, these closeout stores can get custom-made merchandise in large quantities at rock-bottom pricing, from nut dishes and figurines to ceramic houses and crafts. The savings are passed on to shoppers.

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Cool tips, Hot trends

(NAPSA) - Finding the perfect gifts for friends and family need not be difficult, even if you're trying to match individual tastes and stay within a limited budget. Style expert Mariana Keros, vice president of trend and product development at Kmart Corporation, offers advice so that shoppers may be able to find gifts to please everyone on their list - from the family fashionista to the tech-smart teen to "holiday happy" friends and relatives. Ms. Keros provides the following tips for shoppers this holiday season.

- **Patriot power** - Show your spirit by flying the flag and giving red, white and blue clothing and home décor. "Now more than ever, Americans are eager to express their patriotism," says Ms. Keros. "Show your spirit by decorating windows and walls with patriotic-colored lights and decorations or pick up a flag and fly it high."

- **Amazing apparel** - "This season, fashion is filled with fun, notice-me looks, such as faux fur and rhinestone accessories," says Ms. Keros. "This look can be personalized for individual styles. Even the most conservative person on your list can update a basic black coat with a detachable faux fur collar and cuff set." For the fashion-forward, Ms. Keros suggests stocking up on stylish wide belts, cuff bracelets and faux fur and rhinestone accessories.

- **Toy trends** - "Anything featuring Harry Potter or Bob the Builder is hot this season. There's also a renewed interest in Americana toys, so load up on nostalgic items like Lincoln Logs, pogo sticks and hula hoops," suggests Ms. Keros. In addition to old favorites such as Barbie and action

figurines, many children (and parents) appreciate electronic and interactive toys that stimulate learning such as the LeapPad by LeapFrog.

- **Gadgets galore** - "For the gadget guru on your list, stay on top of the fast-paced trends in electronics," advises Ms. Keros. This year's most wanted include the Microsoft X-Box, compact cameras and the iRock MP3 player.

- **Get that festive feeling** - Spread holiday cheer with season-specific clothes, accessories and housewares featuring snowflakes and snowmen.

Ms. Keros has even developed a list of holiday gift-giving dos and don'ts:

- Do go retro. Add some hip '70s flavor to your home with a novelty motion or glitter lamp. Use your creativity to choose gift-giving selections that "step out of the square."

- Don't be conventional. Mix it up with something a little different for the home. Nothing says fun like a faux fur throw or a retro toaster.

Do give gifts that require special thought. Give the cooks on your list a new piece of cookware, such as a fondue maker or wok, and have them invent their own kind of party.

Don't give impersonal gift items. Try to give items that have already been requested or gifts that reflect the unique personality and style of the recipient.

Do cozy up in fleece. The must-have fabric of the season is great to use, wear and give to your loved ones - in the form of a blanket or sweater jacket - for cold days and cozier nights.

Don't overdo loud prints. Prints are great as accents, but most people prefer to receive cozy fabrics in warm colors during the holiday season.

Do keep extra gifts on-hand for unexpected guests, co-workers or family members. Stock up on universally popular gifts - such as home entertaining and decorative items.

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Holiday stress relief from Spaulding Hospital

It's that time of the year again – the holidays are just around the corner. What's in store for you over the next few days: a time of relaxing family reunions? Or will it be stress and frustration as you strive to plan the perfect party? Holidays shouldn't throw you into a state of panic or detract from the time

you spend with your family. To help you cope with the upcoming days, experts at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital have put together a holiday stress first-aid kit.

As the holidays get closer ...

• Don't spread yourself too thin. Holidays are a popular time for cocktail parties and

other social gatherings. Learn how to say no! You don't have to commit to every invitation you get. Be selective and remember to give yourself a chance to rest and relax.

• Consider alternative gift ideas. If you're on vacation somewhere, pick up unique souvenirs for friends and family. Buy gift certificates or online "bucks" they can spend at participating stores on the Web. Among family and friends, have a "Secret Santa" gift raffle.

• Take a few minutes for yourself. Set aside a few minutes each day to unwind and take your mind off pressing duties. Go for a walk or jog around the block. Relax in a soothing bath. Listen to music or read that book you've been meaning to get to.

• Invite some friends over for a de-stress party. Go out for coffee or get together for hot cocoa and cookies. Rent some funny movies and lounge in your pajamas. Invite them over with their presents and have a wrapping party.

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• Assign every family member a task. Delegate chores you need done. With everyone pitching in, it won't seem as overwhelming.

• Have activities planned. Tensions may run high if guests can't release their energy. Organize an informal family ball game in the back yard. String popcorn or play board games. Make cookies and let the kids decorate them.

• Don't outdo yourself. Instead of preparing five dishes for your holiday meal, only do three. Have guests bring their favorite desserts or hors d'oeuvres. Alleviate pressure on yourself and don't set a specific time for the holiday meal.

• Do a thorough safety check of the house. If there are little ones coming to visit, make sure there are no potentially hazardous situations for them to get into. Keep sharp knives stored away, candles out of reach, any poisonous plants away from their grasp and take down any pointed ornaments.

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Holiday banking tips for 2001

The holidays are an exciting yet stressful time that can make all of us vulnerable where financial matters are concerned. To minimize the risk and reduce the stress, following are some important safety and money-saving suggestions from the Massachusetts Bankers Association.

Safety and security

While crime is down, unfortunately, crime still exists. To make the holidays happier for you and your family and less so for criminals;

- Be extra careful with wallets, handbags and credit and debit cards when shopping. In the holiday crush, it is easy to misplace belongings or have them spirited away when you aren't looking.

- When using ATM machines, check your surroundings. If you feel anyone suspicious is nearby, wait and use another machine. Close the door firmly when entering and leaving the facility. Put your cash away at once, and take your receipt. Also, make sure to keep an eye on your packages and bags. Guard your PIN number. Never write your PIN number on your card or keep it in your wallet or purse. Always check your statement for unauthorized use of your card, and if you think your card has been lost or stolen, report it to your bank immediately.

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- Verify that any charitable solicitations are legitimate by contacting the Public Charities Division of the Office of the Attorney General. It is also better to give by check or credit card to a recognized charity, rather than on

impulse to some cause you have never heard of being promoted on the street.

Watch out for older friends and family members

Scams and frauds perpetrated against the elderly are all too common, especially during the holiday season. Therefore;

- Be alert to any unusual financial behavior on the part of an older friend or family member. The withdrawal of large amounts of cash by an elder may be a warning sign that fraud is in progress.

- Many local banks participate in the association's elderly scam-prevention initiative called the Bank Reporting Project. Consult your bank or local police if you suspect that a fraud may be in progress.

- If an older friend or family member "wins" a prize in the mail or through a phone call, inquire further. Most such prizes are marketing ploys or worse, and you should check with the Attor-

ney General's office.

Saving money

Part of the pleasure of the season is buying gifts and special treats. However, holiday purchasing can also get out of hand. To avoid a post-holiday financial hangover, a few tips can help;

- Plan ahead in terms of how much your household can reasonably spend. Impulse buying can be a budget buster.

- Surprisingly, many friends and relatives would rather have a gift of your time and activity-sharing than they would one more gadget.

- ATMs are extremely convenient and a great way to avoid carrying excess cash. To save money when using ATMs, use your own bank's ATMs or get cash back by check or debit card.

- Create a budget to decide where your money should go, including getting into a routine of paying yourself through a contribution to your regular savings account.

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For many party hosts, less thought is put into what type of music to play than into what type of mayonnaise goes on the finger sandwiches.

With New Year's Eve rapidly approaching, isn't it about time you learned the methodology behind the proper party-mix tape? Yes, methodology. A proper party-mix tape is the result of an intricate knowledge of musical aesthetics, party psychology and professional recording techniques.

You know the scene: 15 total strangers sit around a living room, staring at one another and their watches, as a radio station or Elton John's "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" album plays. These people might not even be conscious of why they're bored, but you can bet things would pick up if one turned to another and declared, "I love this song!"

The party-mix tape can transform this magic moment into reality. Because no one artist can satisfy every party-goer's tastes (not even the Jackson 5), CDs by individual artists are no good. Even if they're loaded into a carousel and shuffled, they all contain bad and obscure songs (some compilations, such as Rhino's "Poptopia" series, notwithstanding).

As for radio stations, is that Clearasil commercial really the ice-breaker you imagined for Bob from accounting and your cousin, Louise?

The most important rule of party-mix taping is to consider your audience. Never include more than one song from a single artist, especially your own favorite. Parties are not your chance to prove your thesis



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that Styx is the most underrated rock band in history. You must divorce yourself from your personal great taste and realize that other people enjoy music that is awful.

If you've invited girls you met at the video arcade, for example, the downside is that you will need to include some 'N Sync and Britney Spears to keep them from doing two laps around your living room then scrambling to the late show at the multiplex.

Also, never leave more than two seconds of silence between songs. You want to do everything possible to keep your guests from suddenly realizing where they really are and

what idiots they're really conversing with.

With these rules in mind, it's time to think about pacing. You're not making a random collection of songs, you're directing a party. There should be an emotional arc to the mix, one that nudges the evening's events along a planned path of fun.

Rowdy rock songs are the best way to start. One person will always be unlucky enough to arrive first, and your mix tape must convince this schnook that the party will, in fact, pick up. Would you rather walk into an empty house to the tune of the Beastie Boys' "Fight for Your Right" or Eric Carmen's "All By Myself"?

Tempo should be way up for the first hour. Think Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" or the Offspring's "Self-Esteem." The volume should be jacked, too. Nobody remembers anyone else's name when they first get introduced anyway. Plus, if the music's deafening enough, maybe people won't bother trying to tell you that they have to leave in a half-hour, which is always a lie.

About 10 songs into the recording process, you're likely to be faced with a decision that has plagued party-tape philosophers for eons. It's the end of your first 45-minute side. Should you start the next song and have your player flip it before the end, inserting up

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to 10 seconds of unwanted silence in the middle? Or should you leave the end of the side blank and subject your party to up to two cricket-filled minutes before the next song?

The best solution is neither. You must erase your last song and try to find two shorter ones to fill the space with, so that the music lasts right up until that dreaded piece of un-recordable white tape appears in the cassette-deck window. Sometimes, you'll have to make as many as six song replacements before hitting upon the correct sequence. But proper editing pays off. James Cameron's original cut of "Titanic," for example, was more than four hours long.

So far, people should have been nodding their heads to your party-mix tape, without being tempted to dance, since they weren't drunk enough. But by Side B, they will already have sampled two cocktails made with that acidic vodka left over from last Christmas. And, since that conversation in the corner about ski resorts will be about as attractive as the prospect of gutting flounder, dancing will begin to seem like a good idea.

Which disco music to introduce is a dicey prospect. Everyone will dance that stupid dance to "YMCA." However, they will all feel cheap afterward and someone

will invariably remark, "Can you believe how old we are?" This conversation can only lead to negative party vibes.

Edgier disco utilization is suggested. "Doctor's Orders" by Carol Douglas and Rod Stewart's "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy" are good bets. This can only lead to positive party vibes.

If your party tape has succeeded and there are still people staining your white couch with bruschetta after 90 minutes, by all means, do not turn the tape over and start again. Hearing the same songs will ruin the pacing and subconsciously cue people to think they've stayed long enough.

You should have a second tape ready, one which can play a little more with the rules. This tape can alternate Frank Sinatra's "Lady is a Tramp" with Run-D.M.C.'s "My Adidas," the Clash's "Rock the Casbah" with "Summer Lovin'" from "Grease." Who cares, since everyone's blitzed anyway? One-hit-wonder songs are particularly great here, such as "Turning Japanese" by the Vapors. This is your moment to shine, party-tape mixer - enjoy it.

You will probably also want to include something from Peter Gabriel's "So" album. This is for the benefit of any couple who might have made a love connection

at your party. More romance has been had to this album than during Johnny Carson's entire "Tonight Show" run.

As Side B of your final tape draws to a close, it will be about 1 a.m., and a guy whose name you think is Dan will be confusing your bean-bag chair for a guest bedroom. Your party tape must now function like fluorescent lights flickering in a library - to politely get people out.

Slow and annoying is the key for your party-mix tape here. And you thought Kenny G and Michael Bolton would never come in handy at a party!

Good luck party-mixers, but one final warning. Even with all this advance preparation, there is no pleasing everyone. The self-designated "music changer" is always a potential risk. This person believes he's doing God's will by sneaking up to the cassette deck while you're in the kitchen with the pizza rolls. He slowly turns the volume down so you don't notice, then cues up the Grateful Dead tape he's just retrieved from his car.

He's very sneaky, this guy, and he could be responsible for the exodus of 10 or 11 guests before his crime is uncovered. If you discover one in your midst, he must be politely informed that his entertainment expertise is not required.

Following are some music-mixing tips to help your bash be a real booty shaker.

- A stereo, not a boom-box: Successful parties require lovin'-vibrating bass.
- A cassette recorder/player that flips sides automatically: There's no longer silence than those 30 seconds when the music stops at a party before someone flips the tape.
- A blank 90-minute cassette, not a 60-minute one: You don't want to worry about changing a tape every hour on the hour. Also, make sure your cassette is completely blank. If you record over old music, it could bleed through. Then everyone will know you used to like Slaughter, or that you once recorded yourself singing karaoke to "You Light Up My Life."
- CDs: Before you say "duh," the point is that you should not record from other cassettes if you own a double-tape deck. Your recording levels will be rendered inoperable and one song may be three times as loud as the next. (By the way, you don't actually have to buy CDs to record the songs they contain; they can be borrowed from a library or a pushover friend.)

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Tips for cooking up a family tradition for the holidays

(NAPSA) — Whether enjoying roasted turkey with a glass of cranberry punch or pumpkin pie with a cup of eggnog, holiday meals are a wonderful time for families to come together to celebrate the season.

However, for many families, preparing a memorable holiday meal can be a stressful experience, especially when the kids are home from school during the holiday break. Rather than trying to keep them occupied so you can cook, bring your children into the kitchen to serve as your helpers and to create a new family tradition.

"Traditions establish ties that bind families together," says Angie De La Cruz, a family and child therapist based in Dallas. "They provide continuity for children and help establish fond memories of their childhood, allowing them to re-create this sense of happiness when they have their own families later in life."

According to Ms. De La Cruz, establishing a family tradition should be easy and fun for everyone involved and should be designed to make your children feel a part of the whole holiday experience.

With the holiday meal often serving as a cornerstone during the seasonal festivities, allowing children to help with food and beverages and add their own creativity in the kitchen is a great way to establish lasting traditions.

- Start early. Begin making plans at least one week in advance by deciding what you will be cooking and determining what part of the meal will be prepared by each family member. Poll the kids to see if they have a specific dish or drink they'd like to make.

- Shop 'til you drop. Sit with the kids and make a list of all the necessary items for the meal, and consider taking the children with you shopping. This will guarantee the kids are involved from the start in preparing the meal.

- Establish one-on-one time. To keep the experience as stress-free as possible, schedule specific cooking times with each child. This allows you both to pay special attention to the dish or drink you're preparing as well as spend some quality time together during all the holiday hustle and bustle.

- Involve the little ones. Ensure that all the kids — regardless of age — are included in the preparations. Older children will certainly enjoy making their own special dishes, but for the little ones, assign specific tasks such as cracking eggs, pouring juice or stirring and mashing potatoes. This allows all your budding chefs to participate and gives you

additional help.

- Add a personal touch. Encourage your kids to personalize their dishes — either by naming them or by adding their own special ingredients. To prevent Junior from adding hot sauce to the holiday punch, create a taste-testing party before serving dinner. Everyone will love getting a sneak peek before the big event.

- Remember to have fun. With flour on the floor or cookie batter covering the dog, preparing a meal with kids is always an adventure, but it's a lot more fun to be cooking with company than to be stressed by preparing a big meal all by yourself. To help you get started, try the

following easy, kid-friendly drink recipe for your next holiday meal.

Santa's Surprise Punch

2 liters Canada Dry Ginger Ale
46oz. pineapple juice
6oz. frozen orange juice concentrate (thawed)
1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
Maraschino cherries

Place one cherry in each cube of ice tray and fill with ginger ale. Freeze overnight. Combine chilled juices in punch bowl. Add peppermint extract and stir. Pour in remaining ginger ale and add prepared ice cubes. Makes 16 servings.

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Candy care

- Aluminum pans are best for making candy. A thermometer is a must and it is best to use pots and pans that are the correct size.

- Unless you are experienced, do not substitute ingredients or alter their measurements.

- Do not force temperatures when cooking candy — follow directions.

- Do not double a candy recipe because the cooking time won't necessarily double.

- Humidity over 60 percent will affect candy cooking times — add a degree or 2 to compensate. Do not make divinity on a humid day.

- Overcooking and scorching are minimized in a microwave oven, though boil overs are more common.

- Stored airtight, most candy will keep for 2 or 3 weeks.

- Store hard and soft candies in separate containers. Place wax paper between layers of any stored candy.

- Fudge, caramel and the like can be frozen and kept for up to a year. Unthaw at room temperature for 3 hours.

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As the holiday season approaches, Royal Jewelers enters 54 years of making customers happy. Once considered the hidden jewel in Andover, Royal Jewelers is now nationally acclaimed. *Lustre Magazine*, the premier publication for luxury jewelers and designers has rated Royal Jewelers in Andover one of the "Top 25 Designer Jewelers In America."

"We are honored to have achieved this very important status," says Steven Leed of Royal Jewelers. "Paula and I

continue to innovate and renovate to maintain world-class quality and presence." Although the Leeds expand and grow the collections of designers currently on display at Royal, they continue to seek out new designers.

Royal Jewelers was the talk of the jewelry community this year when they opened the David Yurman Store inside Royal Jewelers. It is the largest collection of David Yurman jewelry in the United States. "Every design David has is here," says Paula. There are 12 showcases filled with David Yurman jewelry. "If you are looking for Yurman jewelry, this is the only store to visit. It is all here," she says.

Many famous designers want their jewelry styles to be displayed at Royal Jewelers.

Designer Doris Panos claims, "Royal Jewelers is one of the few jewelers in America to make a commitment to branded design jewelry. The people at Royal have the passion and understanding, as well as the knowledge. Every designer wants to be in Royal."

Amongst the designers showcased at Royal Jewelers are Penny Preville, Charles Krypell, John Hardy, La Nouvelle Bague, Faberage, Doris Panos, Whitney Boin, Pasquale Bruni, Seiden Gang, Kiselstein Cord and many, many more. There are more designers at Royal Jewelers than at any other jeweler in New England.

Cartier opened a boutique inside Royal Jewelers this past summer. The rich mahogany wood showcases feature the handsome and elegant styles of

Cartier watches. "We have the affordable Cartier tank at \$1,400, all the way up to the dazzling jeweled watches at \$21,000," exclaims Steven. "Cartier is sophisticated and classic. It is fashionable, yet it is and will always be in style."

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batteries and water seals right on the premises.

Royal shoppers visit from around the country, but most come from a 90-mile radius. "We are pleased our business continues to grow, especially in this economy. I think it is a tribute to the way we treat our shoppers," say the Leeds. The sales team at Royal Jewelers are friendly and always willing to "go the extra mile." Nobody at Royal sells on commission. "I think assisting the consumer in a non-commissioned atmosphere builds teamwork with our associates and confidence with the consumer," Steven says.

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